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Draft report

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on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council
on the establishment of the Reform Support Programme

Proposal for a regulation
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(Joint committee procedure – Rule 55 of the Rules of Procedure)

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Amendment 52
Markus Ferber

Draft legislative resolution
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Amendment

– *having regard to the outcome of the Euro Summit of 14 December 2018^{1a}*

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<https://www.consilium.europa.eu/media/37563/20181214-euro-summit-statement.pdf>

Or. en

Amendment 53
Miguel Viegas

Proposal for a regulation
Title 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on the establishment of the Reform Support Programme

The European Parliament rejects the European Commission's proposal for REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on the establishment of the Reform Support Programme

Or. pt

Justification

The Reform Support Programme seeks to force the implementation of neoliberal policies in the Member States, undermining social and labour rights and strengthening mega-capitalist economic and social positions. Moreover, non-rejection of the programme will simply strengthen the Commission's hand in blackmailing the Member States and meddling in their internal affairs, thereby further undermining their sovereignty.

Amendment 54
Liadh Ní Riada

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 1

Text proposed by the Commission

(1) In accordance with Articles 120 and 121 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union ('the Treaty'), Member States are required to conduct their economic policies with a view to contributing to the achievement of the objectives of the Union and in the context of the broad guidelines that the Council formulates. The coordination of *the* economic policies of *the* Member States is therefore a matter of common concern.

Amendment

(1) In accordance with Articles 120 and 121 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union ('the Treaty'), Member States are required to conduct their economic policies with a view to contributing to the achievement of the objectives of the Union, *as defined in Article 3 of the Treaty on European Union*, and in the context of the broad guidelines that the Council formulates. The coordination of *certain* economic policies of Member States is therefore a matter of common concern.

Or. en

Amendment 55
Markus Ferber

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(1a) Welcomes the decisions taken at the Euro Summit of 14 December 2018 and considers that its outcome should be reflected in the work on the reform support programme;

Or. en

Amendment 56
Bernd Lucke

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 2

Text proposed by the Commission

(2) Article 175 of the Treaty provides, inter alia, that Member States should coordinate their economic policies in such a way as to attain the objectives on economic social and territorial cohesion set out in Article 174.

Amendment

(2) Article 175 of the Treaty provides, inter alia, that **all** Member States should coordinate their economic policies in such a way as to ***promote the overall harmonious development of the Union*** and attain the objectives on economic social and territorial cohesion set out in Article 174.

Or. en

Amendment 57

Bernd Lucke

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 2 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(2a) Cohesion policy based on Articles 174 and 175 of the Treaty applies to the Union in its entirety and must not exclude any Member State from its scope.

Or. en

Amendment 58

Xabier Benito Ziluaga

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 3

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(3) At Union level, the European Semester of economic policy coordination ***is the framework to identify national reform priorities and monitor their implementation. Member States develop their own national multiannual investment strategies in support of those reform priorities. Those strategies should***

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be presented alongside the yearly National Reform Programmes as a way to outline and coordinate priority investment projects to be supported by national and/or Union funding. They should also serve to use Union funding in a coherent manner and to maximise the added value of the financial support to be received notably from the programmes supported by the Union under the European Regional Development Fund, the Cohesion fund, the European Social Fund, the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development, the European Investment Stabilisation Function and InvestEU, where relevant.

investments, counter-cyclical economic policy, and provide a strong cohesion policy, within a Europe based on solidarity.

Or. en

Amendment 59

Sven Giegold

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 3

Text proposed by the Commission

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Or. en

Amendment 60

Bernd Lucke

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 3

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Or. en

Amendment 61

Liadh Ní Riada, Xabier Benito Ziluaga

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 4

Text proposed by the Commission

(4) The economic and financial crisis has shown **that developing sound and resilient** economies and financial systems **built on** strong economic and social structures **helps** Member States **to respond more efficiently to** shocks and recover more swiftly from them. The implementation of structural reforms is among the Union's policy priorities because such reforms seek to set the recovery on a sustainable path, **unlock the growth potential, strengthen the adjustment capacity** and support the process of upward convergence. Pursuing structural reforms can also contribute to strengthening economic and social cohesion, boosting productivity and investment and creating good conditions for sustainable growth and employment in the Union.

Amendment

(4) The economic and financial crisis has shown **the vulnerability of European** economies and financial systems. **The depth and duration of the subsequent recession, as well as the asymmetry of the current recovery, demonstrate the need for economic reform in order to build** strong economic and social structures **in** Member States. **This should allow economies to withstand** shocks and recover more swiftly from them. The implementation of structural reforms is among the Union's policy priorities because such reforms seek to set the recovery on a sustainable path and support the process of upward convergence. Pursuing structural reforms can also contribute to strengthening economic and social cohesion, boosting productivity and investment and creating good conditions for sustainable growth and employment in the Union.

Or. en

Amendment 62

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Or. en

Amendment 63 **Isabelle Thomas**

Proposal for a regulation **Recital 4**

Text proposed by the Commission

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employment in the Union.

cohesion, boosting productivity and investment, **reducing inequalities, alleviating poverty** and creating good conditions for sustainable growth and **high-quality** employment in the Union.

Or. fr

Amendment 64

Liadh Ní Riada, Xabier Benito Ziluaga

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 5

Text proposed by the Commission

(5) Structural reforms can contribute to achieving a high degree of resilience of domestic economies and sustainable convergence among Member States, which is crucial for successful and smooth participation in the Economic and Monetary Union. That high degree of sustainable convergence is particularly important for Member States, whose currency is not the euro, in their process of preparation to join the euro area.

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Or. en

Amendment 65

Maria João Rodrigues

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 5

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despite of the recent signs of divergences being reduced, a strong process of upward social and economic convergence is still not visible. That high degree of sustainable convergence is *also* particularly important for Member States, whose currency is not the euro, in their process of preparation to join the euro area.

Or. en

Amendment 66
Isabelle Thomas

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 5

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Amendment

(5) Structural reforms can contribute to achieving a high degree of resilience of domestic economies and sustainable convergence among Member States, *as well as meeting the objectives of the European Pillar of Social Rights*, which is crucial for successful and smooth participation in the Economic and Monetary Union. That high degree of sustainable convergence is particularly important for Member States, whose currency is not the euro, in their process of preparation to join the euro area.

Or. fr

Amendment 67
Markus Ferber

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Or. en

Amendment 68

Sven Giegold

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

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Amendment

(5) ***Sustainable and job-creating*** structural reforms can contribute to achieving a high degree of resilience of domestic economies and sustainable convergence among Member States, which is crucial for successful and smooth participation in the Economic and Monetary Union. That high degree of sustainable convergence is particularly important for Member States, whose currency is not the euro, in their process of preparation to join the euro area.

Or. en

Amendment 69

Liadh Ní Riada

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 6

Text proposed by the Commission

(6) The *degree of implementation of structural reforms in the Member States is still not sufficient across the Union. Experience with the implementation of the economic policy coordination mechanism under the European Semester shows that*, in general, the implementation of structural reforms has been slow and uneven *and that national reform efforts* should be reinforced and incentivised.

Amendment

(6) The *approach to economic governance represented by the European Semester has had limited success*. In general, the implementation of structural reforms has been slow and uneven. *Reform programmes designed at the national level* should be reinforced and incentivised.

Or. en

Amendment 70

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Or. en

Amendment 71

Sven Giegold

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 8

Text proposed by the Commission

(8) ***Other Union instruments and programmes also provide a significant contribution to improving conditions underpinning certain investments in Member States, which can be conducive to or be part of such reforms. In particular, the Union Funds covered by Regulation (EU) No YYY/XX of the European Parliament and of the Council [CPR] link investment to enabling conditions (formerly known as ex-ante conditionalities), foresee a macroeconomic governance mechanism and may finance costs of structural reforms linked to investments in policy areas relevant for cohesion policy. However,*** currently, no instrument foresees direct financial support that provides incentives for the Member States to implement reforms in all policy areas, in response to challenges identified in the European Semester. Moreover, there is currently no instrument providing specific and targeted financial and technical support to Member States whose currency is not the euro in their efforts to implement reforms that are relevant for joining the euro area.

Amendment

(8) Currently, no instrument foresees direct financial support that provides incentives for the Member States to implement reforms in all policy areas, in response to ***social, economic and environmental*** challenges identified in the European Semester. Moreover, there is currently no instrument providing specific and targeted financial and technical support to Member States whose currency is not the euro in their efforts to implement reforms that are relevant for joining the euro area.

Or. en

Amendment 72

Stanisław Ożóg, Zbigniew Kuźmiuk

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 8

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Or. en

Justification

Recent amendment to the Structural Reform Support Programme (published on 12.11.2018) already extends the objective of the Programme in order to support MS in preparation to euro-area accession: "actions and activities of the Programme should also be able to support reforms that may help Member States in their preparation to join the euro area, while respecting the principle of equal treatment of all Member States".

Amendment 73 **Bernd Lucke**

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Or. en

Amendment 74

Liadh Ní Riada, Xabier Benito Ziluaga

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 9

Text proposed by the Commission

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Union.

Eurozone, and paving the way to set the conditions of a real convergence in the field of investment, employment rate and income and wealth distribution at social and territory level. A Monetary Union in a single market, without an internal distribution mechanism, will only intensify the economic divergence between core and peripheries.

²⁰ Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the European Council, the Council and the European Central Bank, new budgetary instruments for a stable euro area within the Union framework, COM(2017) 822 final

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Amendment 75
Stanisław Ożóg, Zbigniew Kuźmiuk

Proposal for a regulation
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Central Bank, new budgetary instruments for a stable euro area within the Union framework, COM(2017) 822 final

Or. en

Justification

The convergence facility was only signalised in the Communication but it was not proposed in the legislative proposal as RDT was.

Amendment 76

Stanisław Ożóg, Zbigniew Kuźmiuk

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 10

Text proposed by the Commission

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Amendment 78
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Amendment 80 **Markus Ferber**

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reforms in the Member States. The Programme should be comprehensive and should also benefit from the experience gained by the Commission and the Member States from the use of the other instruments and programmes. The Programme should also continue the actions and the mode of operation of the SRSP, since they have been proven very useful, and have been appreciated by Member States, for strengthening the administrative capacity of national authorities in various policy domains. The Programme should also include targeted support for reforms in Member States whose currency is not the euro and which have taken demonstrable steps towards adopting the single currency within a given time-frame.

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Or. en

Amendment 81

Stanisław Ożóg, Zbigniew Kuźmiuk

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 11

Text proposed by the Commission

(11) In order to allow for the provision of the different types of support needed and to cater for the specificity of each component, ***three*** separate but complementary instruments should be set out within the framework of the Programme, namely a reform delivery tool, a technical support instrument, ***and a dedicated convergence facility for supporting preparation for euro-area membership***.

Amendment

(11) In order to allow for the provision of the different types of support needed and to cater for the specificity of each component, ***two*** separate but complementary instruments should be set out within the framework of the Programme, namely a reform delivery tool, a technical support instrument.

Or. en

Amendment 82
Bernd Lucke

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 11

Text proposed by the Commission

(11) In order to allow for the provision of the different types of support needed and to cater for the specificity of each component, *three* separate but complementary instruments should be set out within the framework of the Programme, namely a reform delivery tool, *a* technical support instrument, and a dedicated convergence facility for supporting preparation for euro-area membership.

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Or. en

Amendment 83
Maria João Rodrigues

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 11

Text proposed by the Commission

(11) In order to allow for the provision of the different types of support needed and to cater for the specificity of each component, three separate but complementary instruments should be set out within the framework of the Programme, namely a reform *delivery* tool, a technical support instrument, and a dedicated convergence facility for supporting preparation for euro-area membership.

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Or. en

Amendment 84
Eider Gardiazabal Rubial, Costas Mavrides

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 13

Text proposed by the Commission

(13) The Programme's overall objective is the enhancement of cohesion, competitiveness, productivity, growth, **and employment**. For that purpose, it should provide financial incentives for addressing challenges of a structural nature, and should help to strengthen the administrative capacity of the Member States insofar as their institutions and economic and social sectors are concerned.

Amendment

(13) The Programme's overall objective is the enhancement of **upward convergence**, cohesion, competitiveness, **efficiency**, productivity, **sustainable development, inclusive growth, inequality reduction, social inclusion, the promotion of resilient economic and social structures, public health and social welfare, and creation of high-quality jobs in Member States and the Union with particular attention to the areas most affected by demographic decline and regions in ecological transition**. For that purpose, it should provide financial incentives for addressing challenges of a structural nature, and should help to strengthen the administrative capacity of the Member States insofar as their institutions and economic and social sectors are concerned.

Or. en

Amendment 85
Isabelle Thomas

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 13

Text proposed by the Commission

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Or. fr

Amendment 86

Liadh Ní Riada, Xabier Benito Ziluaga

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 13

Text proposed by the Commission

(13) The Programme's overall objective is the enhancement of cohesion, **competitiveness**, productivity, growth, and employment. For that purpose, it should provide financial incentives for addressing challenges of a structural nature, and should help to strengthen the administrative capacity of the Member States insofar as their institutions and economic and social sectors are concerned.

Amendment

(13) The Programme's overall objective is the enhancement of cohesion, **economic cooperation**, productivity, growth, and employment. For that purpose, it should provide financial incentives for addressing challenges of a structural nature, and should help to strengthen the administrative capacity of the Member States insofar as their institutions and economic and social sectors are concerned.

Or. en

Amendment 87

Bernd Lucke

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 13

Text proposed by the Commission

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Or. en

Amendment 88

Sven Giegold

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 13

Text proposed by the Commission

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(13) The Programme's overall objective is the enhancement of cohesion, competitiveness, productivity, *sustainable growth, job creation and social inclusion and contributing to real convergence in the Union.* and employment. For that purpose, it should provide financial incentives for addressing challenges of a structural nature, and should help to strengthen the administrative capacity of the Member States insofar as their institutions and economic and social sectors are concerned.

Or. en

Amendment 89

Maria João Rodrigues

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 13

Text proposed by the Commission

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Or. en

Amendment 90

Stanisław Ożóg, Zbigniew Kuźmiuk

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 14

Text proposed by the Commission

(14) Specific objectives should be set for each instrument of the Programme. With regard to the reform delivery tool, they should consist of fulfilling concrete milestones and targets set out in relation to the completion of reform commitments, which would trigger the release of the financial incentives. With regard to the technical support instrument, they should be to assist national authorities in their endeavours to design and implement reforms, by taking into account good practices and lessons learned from peers.

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Or. en

Amendment 91
Bernd Lucke

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 14

Text proposed by the Commission

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Or. en

Amendment 92
Maria João Rodrigues

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 14

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Or. en

Amendment 93 **Isabelle Thomas**

Proposal for a regulation **Recital 15**

Text proposed by the Commission

(15) In order to ensure that the reforms supported by the Programme address all the key economic and societal areas, both financial support and technical support under the Programme should be provided by the Commission, upon request from a Member State, in a broad range of policy domains, which include areas related to public financial and asset management, institutional and administrative reform, business environment, the financial sector, markets for products, services and labour, education and training, sustainable development, public health and social welfare.

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(15) In order to ensure that the reforms supported by the Programme address all the key economic and societal areas, both financial support and technical support under the Programme should be provided by the Commission, upon request from a Member State, in a broad range of policy domains, which include areas related to public financial and asset management, ***taxation systems***, institutional and administrative reform, business environment, ***industrial policies***, the financial sector, markets for products, services and labour, education and training, ***gender equality on the labour market, youth employment, social inclusion, poverty alleviation***, sustainable development, public health and social welfare.

Or. fr

Amendment 94

Alain Lamassoure, Ivana Maletić

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 15

Text proposed by the Commission

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Or. en

Amendment 95

Sven Giegold

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

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Text proposed by the Commission

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institutional and administrative reform, business environment, the financial sector, markets for products, services and labour, education and training, sustainable development, public health and social welfare.

institutional and administrative reform, business environment, the financial sector, markets for products, services and labour, education and training, sustainable development *environmental and climate protection*, public health and social welfare.

Or. en

Amendment 96
Bernd Lucke

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 15

Text proposed by the Commission

(15) In order to ensure that the reforms supported by the Programme address all the key economic and societal areas, both financial support and technical support under the Programme should be provided by the Commission, upon request from *a* Member State, in a broad range of policy domains, which include areas related to public financial and asset management, institutional and administrative reform, business environment, the financial sector, markets for products, services and labour, education and training, sustainable development, public health and social welfare.

Amendment

(15) In order to ensure that the reforms supported by the Programme address all the key economic and societal areas, both financial support and technical support under the Programme should be provided by the Commission, upon request from *any* Member State, in a broad range of policy domains, which include areas related to public financial and asset management, institutional and administrative reform, business environment, the financial sector, markets for products, services and labour, education and training, sustainable development, public health and social welfare.

Or. en

Amendment 97
Sven Giegold
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 17

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(17) In order to cater for additional needs under the Programme, Member States should have the possibility to transfer to the budget of the Programme resources programmed in shared management under the Union funds, in accordance with the procedure thereof. Transferred resources should be implemented in accordance with the rules of this Programme and should be used for the benefit of the Member State concerned.

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Or. en

Amendment 98
Liadh Ní Riada

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 17

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(17) In order to cater for additional needs under the Programme, Member States should have the possibility to transfer to the budget of the Programme resources programmed in shared management under the Union funds, in accordance with the procedure thereof. Transferred resources should be implemented in accordance with the rules of this Programme and should be used for the benefit of the Member State concerned.

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Or. en

Amendment 99
Ivana Maletić, Alain Lamassoure

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 17

Text proposed by the Commission

(17) In order to cater for additional needs under the Programme, Member States should have the possibility to transfer to the budget of the Programme resources programmed in shared management under the Union funds, in accordance with the procedure thereof. Transferred resources should be implemented in accordance with the rules of this Programme and should be used for the benefit of the Member State concerned.

Amendment

(17) In order to cater for additional needs under the Programme, Member States should have the possibility to transfer to the budget of the Programme resources programmed in shared management under the Union funds, in accordance with the procedure thereof, ***and only if all funds available under the Programme for the Member State are absorbed.*** Transferred resources should be implemented in accordance with the rules of this Programme and should be used for the benefit of the Member State concerned.

Or. en

Amendment 100
Eider Gardiazabal Rubial

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 18

Text proposed by the Commission

(18) Reflecting the importance of tackling climate change in line with the Union's commitments to implement the Paris Agreement and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, this Programme will contribute to mainstream climate actions and to the achievement of an overall target of 25 % of the EU budget expenditures supporting climate objectives. Relevant actions will be identified during the Programme's preparation and implementation, and reassessed in the context of the relevant evaluations and review processes.

Amendment

(18) Reflecting the importance of tackling climate change in line with the Union's commitments to implement the Paris Agreement and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, this Programme will contribute to mainstream climate actions and to the achievement of an overall target of 25 % of the EU budget expenditures supporting climate objectives. ***Moreover, this programme will contribute to the implementation of commitments of the EU and Members States in the context of the UN SDGs and of the European Pillar of Social Rights.*** Relevant actions will be identified during the Programme's preparation and implementation, and reassessed in the context of the relevant evaluations and review processes.

Amendment 101

Sven Giegold

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 18

Text proposed by the Commission

(18) Reflecting the importance of tackling climate change in line with the Union's commitments to implement the Paris Agreement and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, this Programme will contribute to mainstream climate actions and to the achievement of an overall target of **25** % of the EU budget expenditures supporting climate objectives. Relevant actions will be identified during the Programme's preparation and implementation, and reassessed in the context of the relevant evaluations and review processes.

Amendment

(18) Reflecting the importance of tackling climate change in line with the Union's commitments to implement the Paris Agreement and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, this Programme will contribute to mainstream climate actions and to the achievement of an overall target of **30** % of the EU budget expenditures supporting climate objectives. Relevant actions will be identified during the Programme's preparation and implementation, and reassessed in the context of the relevant evaluations and review processes.

Or. en

Amendment 102

Isabelle Thomas

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 18 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(18a) In line with Articles 8 and 19 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union and given that gender equality is undeniably of significant social and economic benefit, especially in terms of growth, performance, innovation and the working environment, and is a step forward for the European citizens, this programme will contribute to full

gender mainstreaming in the design and implementation of structural reforms by the Member States that might affect women and men differently. To this end, requests for assistance in implementing reforms should clearly indicate how the Member State concerned will ensure gender mainstreaming at every stage of the funding procedure by introducing qualitative objectives and measures to bridge continuing gender gaps.

Or. fr

Amendment 103
Liadh Ní Riada

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 19

Text proposed by the Commission

(19) With regard to the reform delivery tool, it is necessary to identify the types of reforms that should be eligible for financial support. To ensure their contribution to the objectives of the Programme, the eligible reforms should be those addressing the challenges identified *in the context* of the *European Semester of economic policy coordination, including those proposed to address the country-specific recommendations*.

Amendment

(19) With regard to the reform delivery tool, it is necessary to identify the types of reforms that should be eligible for financial support. To ensure their contribution to the objectives of the Programme, the eligible reforms should be those addressing the challenges identified *as the most important by national governments* of the *Member States*.

Or. en

Amendment 104
Xabier Benito Ziluaga

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 19

Text proposed by the Commission

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tool, it is necessary to identify the types of reforms that should be eligible for financial support. To ensure their contribution to the objectives of the Programme, the eligible reforms should be those addressing the challenges of economic *recessions, increased unemployment, or a financial crises, attributing a more important role of intervention to the public policies.*

Or. en

Amendment 105

Caroline Nagtegaal, Ramon Tremosa i Balcells

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 19

Text proposed by the Commission

(19) With regard to the reform delivery tool, it is necessary to identify the types of reforms that should be eligible for financial support. To ensure their contribution to the objectives of the Programme, the eligible reforms should be those addressing the challenges identified in the *context of the European Semester of economic policy coordination, including those proposed to address the* country-specific recommendations.

Amendment

(19) With regard to the reform delivery tool, it is necessary to identify the types of reforms that should be eligible for financial support. To ensure their contribution to the objectives of the Programme, the eligible reforms should be those addressing the challenges identified in the country-specific recommendations.

Or. en

Amendment 106

Eider Gardiazabal Rubial

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 19

Text proposed by the Commission

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Or. en

Amendment 107
Costas Mavrides

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 19

Text proposed by the Commission

(19) With regard to the reform delivery tool, it is necessary to identify the types of reforms that should be eligible for financial support. To ensure their contribution to the objectives of the Programme, the eligible reforms should be those addressing the challenges identified in the context of the European Semester of economic policy coordination, ***including those proposed to address the country-specific recommendations.***

Amendment

(19) With regard to the reform delivery tool, it is necessary to identify the types of reforms that should be eligible for financial support. To ensure their contribution to the objectives of the Programme, the eligible reforms should be those addressing the challenges identified in ***article 4 and article 6 of this regulation, including those in*** the context of the European Semester of economic policy coordination.

Or. en

Amendment 108
Maria João Rodrigues

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 19

Text proposed by the Commission

(19) With regard to the reform ***delivery*** tool, it is necessary to identify the types of reforms that should be eligible for financial

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Or. en

Amendment 109

Sven Giegold

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 19

Text proposed by the Commission

(19) With regard to the reform delivery tool, it is necessary to identify the types of reforms that should be eligible for financial support. To ensure their contribution to the objectives of the Programme, the eligible reforms should be those addressing the challenges identified in the context of the European Semester of economic policy coordination, including those proposed to address the country-specific recommendations.

Amendment

(19) With regard to the reform delivery tool, it is necessary to identify the types of reforms that should be eligible for financial support. To ensure their contribution to the objectives of the Programme, the eligible reforms should be those **contributing to the objectives set out in Article 6 and, where appropriate**, addressing the challenges identified in the context of the European Semester of economic policy coordination, including those proposed to address the country-specific recommendations.

Or. en

Amendment 110

Stanisław Ożóg, Zbigniew Kuźmiuk

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 19

Text proposed by the Commission

(19) With regard to the reform delivery tool, it is necessary to identify the types of reforms that should be eligible for financial support. To ensure their contribution to the objectives of the Programme, the eligible reforms should be those addressing the challenges identified in the context of the European Semester of economic policy coordination, including those proposed to address the country-specific recommendations.

Amendment

(19) With regard to the reform delivery tool, it is necessary to identify the types of reforms that should be eligible for financial support. To ensure their contribution to the objectives of the Programme, the eligible reforms should be those addressing the challenges identified in the context of the European Semester of economic policy coordination, including those proposed to address the country-specific recommendations ***as well as the national reform programmes.***

Or. en

Justification

The national reform programmes are important documents in the European Semester that present the national priorities towards the Annual Growth Survey, Europe 2020 strategy, the Country report and Country Specific Recommendation.

Amendment 111
Dariusz Rosati

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 19

Text proposed by the Commission

(19) With regard to the reform delivery tool, it is necessary to identify the types of reforms that should be eligible for financial support. To ensure their contribution to the objectives of the Programme, the eligible reforms should be those addressing the challenges identified in the context of the European Semester of economic policy coordination, including those proposed to address the country-specific recommendations.

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(19) With regard to the reform delivery tool, it is necessary to identify the types of reforms that should be eligible for financial support. To ensure their contribution to the objectives of the Programme, the eligible reforms should be those addressing the challenges identified in the context of the European Semester of economic policy coordination, including those proposed to address the country-specific recommendations ***and the national reform programmes.***

Or. en

Amendment 112

Bernd Lucke

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 19

Text proposed by the Commission

(19) With regard to the reform delivery tool, it is necessary to identify the types of reforms that should be eligible for financial support. To ensure their contribution to the objectives of the Programme, the eligible reforms should be those addressing the challenges identified in the context of the European Semester of economic policy coordination, including those proposed to address the country-specific recommendations.

Amendment

(19) With regard to the reform delivery **and technical support** tool, it is necessary to identify the types of reforms that should be eligible for financial support. To ensure their contribution to the objectives of the Programme, the eligible reforms should be those addressing the challenges identified in the context of the European Semester of economic policy coordination, including those proposed to address the country-specific recommendations.

Or. en

Amendment 113

Caroline Nagtegaal, Ramon Tremosa i Balcells

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 19 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(19a) In order to guarantee respect for Union values, Member States who are subject to an ongoing procedure pursuant to article 7 paragraph 1 or 2 of the Treaty on European Union should not be eligible for financial support under this Programme.

Or. en

Amendment 114

Sven Giegold

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 20

Text proposed by the Commission

(20) In order to ensure a meaningful incentive for Member States to complete structural reforms, it is appropriate to establish a maximum financial contribution available for them under the instrument for each stage of allocation and under each call. That maximum contribution should be calculated on the basis of the **population of** Member States. To ensure that the financial incentives are spread throughout the whole period of application of the Programme, the allocation of funds to the Member States should be made in stages. In the first stage lasting twenty months, half (EUR **11 000 000 000**) of the overall financial envelope of the reform delivery tool should be made available to Member States, during which they could receive up to their maximum allocation by submitting proposals for reform commitments.

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(20) In order to ensure a meaningful incentive for Member States to complete structural reforms, it is appropriate to establish a maximum financial contribution available for them under the instrument for each stage of allocation and under each call. That maximum contribution should be calculated on the basis of the **relative wealth of the Member states and its relative the population**. To ensure that the financial incentives are spread throughout the whole period of application of the Programme, the allocation of funds to the Member States should be made in stages. In the first stage lasting twenty months, half (EUR **8 000 000 000**) of the overall financial envelope of the reform delivery tool should be made available to Member States, during which they could receive up to their maximum allocation by submitting proposals for reform commitments.

Or. en

Amendment 115
Ivana Maletić, Alain Lamassoure

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 20

Text proposed by the Commission

(20) In order to ensure a meaningful incentive for Member States to complete structural reforms, it is appropriate to establish a maximum financial contribution available for them under the instrument for each stage of allocation and under each call. That maximum contribution should be calculated on the basis of the population of Member States. To ensure that the financial

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Or. en

Amendment 116
Bernd Lucke

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 20

Text proposed by the Commission

(20) In order to ensure a meaningful incentive for Member States to complete structural reforms, it is appropriate to establish a maximum financial contribution available for them under the instrument for each stage of allocation and under each call. That maximum contribution should be calculated on the basis of the population of Member States. To ensure that the financial incentives are spread throughout the whole period of application of the Programme, the allocation of funds to the Member States should be made in stages. In the first stage lasting twenty months, half (EUR **11 000 000 000**) of the overall financial envelope of the reform delivery tool should be made available to Member States, during which they could receive up to their maximum allocation by submitting proposals for reform commitments.

Amendment

(20) In order to ensure a meaningful incentive for **all** Member States to complete structural reforms, it is appropriate to establish a maximum financial contribution available for them under the instrument for each stage of allocation and under each call. That maximum contribution should be calculated on the basis of the population of Member States. To ensure that the financial incentives are spread throughout the whole period of application of the Programme, the allocation of funds to the Member States should be made in stages. In the first stage lasting twenty months, half (EUR **11 420 000 000**) of the overall financial envelope of the reform delivery **and technical support** tool should be made available to Member States, during which they could receive up to their maximum allocation by submitting proposals for reform commitments.

Or. en

Amendment 117
Maria João Rodrigues

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 20

Text proposed by the Commission

(20) In order to ensure a meaningful incentive for Member States to complete structural reforms, it is appropriate to establish a maximum financial contribution available for them under the instrument for each stage of allocation and under each call. That maximum contribution should be calculated on the basis of the *population* of Member States. To ensure that the financial incentives are spread throughout the whole period of application of the Programme, the allocation of funds to the Member States should be made in stages. In the first stage lasting twenty months, half (EUR 11 000 000 000) of the overall financial envelope of the reform delivery tool should be made available to Member States, during which they could receive up to their maximum allocation by submitting proposals for reform commitments.

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(20) In order to ensure a meaningful incentive for Member States to complete structural reforms, it is appropriate to establish a maximum financial contribution available for them under the instrument for each stage of allocation and under each call. That maximum contribution should be calculated on the basis of the ***GDP per head and investment rates*** of Member States. To ensure that the financial incentives are spread throughout the whole period of application of the Programme, the allocation of funds to the Member States should be made in stages. In the first stage lasting twenty months, half (EUR 11 000 000 000) of the overall financial envelope of the reform delivery tool should be made available to Member States, during which they could receive up to their maximum allocation by submitting proposals for reform commitments.

Or. en

Amendment 118
Stanisław Ożóg, Zbigniew Kuźmiuk

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 20

Text proposed by the Commission

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Or. en

Amendment 119
Dariusz Rosati

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 20

Text proposed by the Commission

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Or. en

Amendment 120

Ivana Maletić, Alain Lamassoure

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 21

Text proposed by the Commission

(21) In the interest of transparency and efficiency, in the subsequent stage lasting until the end of the Programme, a system of periodic calls should be set out by the Commission to allocate the remaining half (EUR **11 000 000 000**) of the overall financial envelope of the instrument, plus the amounts unused from the previous stage. Simple procedures should be organised to that effect. Under each call, all Member States should be invited to submit reform proposals concurrently, and could be awarded their maximum financial contribution on the basis of their reform proposals. In the interest of transparency, the first call organised by the Commission during the second stage should be for an amount corresponding to the remaining part (EUR **11 000 000 000**) of the overall financial envelope of the instrument. Further calls should be organised by the Commission only where the overall financial envelope has not been fully used. The Commission should adopt and publish an indicative calendar of the further calls to be organised, and should indicate, at each call, the remaining amount of the overall envelope, which is available under that call.

Amendment

(21) In the interest of transparency and efficiency, in the subsequent stage lasting until the end of the Programme, a system of periodic calls should be set out by the Commission to allocate the remaining half (EUR **10 340 000 000**) of the overall financial envelope of the instrument, plus the amounts unused from the previous stage. Simple procedures should be organised to that effect. Under each call, all Member States should be invited to submit reform proposals concurrently, and could be awarded their maximum financial contribution on the basis of their reform proposals. In the interest of transparency, the first call organised by the Commission during the second stage should be for an amount corresponding to the remaining part (EUR **10 340 000 000**) of the overall financial envelope of the instrument. Further calls should be organised by the Commission only where the overall financial envelope has not been fully used. The Commission should adopt and publish an indicative calendar of the further calls to be organised, and should indicate, at each call, the remaining amount of the overall envelope, which is available under that call.

Or. en

Amendment 121
Bernd Lucke

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 21

Text proposed by the Commission

(21) In the interest of transparency and efficiency, in the subsequent stage lasting until the end of the Programme, a system of periodic calls should be set out by the Commission to allocate the remaining half (EUR **11 000 000 000**) of the overall financial envelope of the instrument, plus the amounts unused from the previous stage. Simple procedures should be organised to that effect. Under each call, all Member States should be invited to submit reform proposals concurrently, and could be awarded their maximum financial contribution on the basis of their reform proposals. In the interest of transparency, the first call organised by the Commission during the second stage should be for an amount corresponding to the remaining part (EUR 11 000 000 000) of the overall financial envelope of the instrument. Further calls should be organised by the Commission only where the overall financial envelope has not been fully used. The Commission should adopt and publish an indicative calendar of the further calls to be organised, and should indicate, at each call, the remaining amount of the overall envelope, which is available under that call.

Amendment

(21) In the interest of transparency and efficiency, in the subsequent stage lasting until the end of the Programme, a system of periodic calls should be set out by the Commission to allocate the remaining half (EUR **11 420 000 000**) of the overall financial envelope of the instrument, plus the amounts unused from the previous stage. Simple procedures should be organised to that effect. Under each call, all Member States should be invited to submit reform proposals concurrently, and could be awarded their maximum financial contribution on the basis of their reform proposals. In the interest of transparency, the first call organised by the Commission during the second stage should be for an amount corresponding to the remaining part (EUR 11 000 000 000) of the overall financial envelope of the instrument. Further calls should be organised by the Commission only where the overall financial envelope has not been fully used. The Commission should adopt and publish an indicative calendar of the further calls to be organised, and should indicate, at each call, the remaining amount of the overall envelope, which is available under that call.

Or. en

Amendment 122
Liadh Ní Riada, Xabier Benito Ziluaga

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 22

Text proposed by the Commission

(22) It is necessary to establish a process for the submission of proposals for reform commitments by the Member States, and the content thereof. With a view to ensuring the expediency of procedures, a Member State should submit the proposal for reform commitments together with its national reform programme, but in the form of a separate annex, which may also be submitted at a different point in time. While participation in the Programme is voluntary, Member States *experiencing excessive imbalances* should be *particularly encouraged to come forward with reform proposals under the reform delivery tool, which address the problems that led to such excessive imbalances*.

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Or. en

Amendment 123

Sven Giegold

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 22

Text proposed by the Commission

(22) It is necessary to establish a process for the submission of proposals for reform commitments by the Member States, and the content thereof. With a view to ensuring the expediency of procedures, a Member State should submit the proposal for reform commitments together with its national reform programme, but in the form of a separate annex, which may also be submitted at a different point in time. While participation in the Programme is voluntary, Member States experiencing

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(22) It is necessary to establish a process for the submission of proposals for reform commitments by the Member States, and the content thereof. With a view to ensuring the expediency of procedures, a Member State should submit the proposal for reform commitments together with its national reform programme *where the proposal relates to challenges identified in the European Semester*, but in the form of a separate annex, which may also be submitted at a different point in time.

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While participation in the Programme is voluntary, Member States experiencing excessive imbalances should be particularly encouraged to come forward with reform proposals under the reform delivery tool, which address the problems that led to such excessive imbalances.

Or. en

Amendment 124
Bernd Lucke

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 22

Text proposed by the Commission

(22) It is necessary to establish a process for the submission of proposals for reform commitments by the Member States, and the content thereof. With a view to ensuring the expediency of procedures, a Member State should submit the proposal for reform commitments together with its national reform programme, but in the form of a separate annex, which may also be submitted at a different point in time. While participation in the Programme is voluntary, Member States experiencing excessive imbalances should be particularly encouraged to come forward with reform proposals under the reform delivery tool, which address the problems that led to such excessive imbalances.

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Or. en

Amendment 125
Liadh Ní Riada

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 23

Text proposed by the Commission

(23) In order to ensure the ownership of **and a focus on relevant** reforms, the Member States should **identify the** reform commitments **in response to challenges identified in the context of the European Semester (including those challenges identified in country specific recommendations)** and propose a detailed set of measures for their implementation, which should contain appropriate milestones and targets and a timetable for implementation over a maximum period of three years. Close cooperation between the Commission and the Member States should be sought and achieved throughout the process.

Amendment

(23) In order to ensure the ownership of reforms, the Member States should **prioritise** reform commitments **aimed at reducing inequality, strengthening labour laws and economic security for citizens, and increasing sustainability** and propose a detailed set of measures for their implementation, which should contain appropriate milestones and targets and a timetable for implementation over a maximum period of three years. Close cooperation between the Commission and the Member States should be sought and achieved throughout the process.

Or. en

Amendment 126
Costas Mavrides

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 23

Text proposed by the Commission

(23) In order to ensure the ownership of and a focus on relevant reforms, the Member States should identify the reform commitments in response to challenges identified in the context of the European Semester **(including those challenges identified in country specific recommendations)** and propose a detailed set of measures for their implementation, which should contain appropriate milestones and targets and a timetable for implementation over a maximum period of three years. Close cooperation between the Commission and the Member States should be sought and achieved throughout the process.

Amendment

(23) **Ownership of structural reforms and political will in the Members States, including the involvement of the social partners, are essential for such a programme to be successful.** In order to ensure the ownership of and a focus on relevant reforms, the Member States should identify the reform commitments in response to challenges identified in **article 4 and article 6 of this regulation, including those in** the context of the European Semester and propose a detailed set of measures for their implementation, which should contain appropriate milestones and targets and a timetable for implementation over a maximum period of three years. Close cooperation between the

Commission and the Member States should be sought and achieved throughout the process.

Or. en

Amendment 127
Eider Gardiazabal Rubial

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 23

Text proposed by the Commission

(23) In order to ensure the ownership of and a focus on relevant reforms, the Member States should identify the reform commitments in response to challenges identified in the context of the European Semester (*including those challenges identified in country specific recommendations*) and propose a detailed set of measures for their implementation, which should contain appropriate milestones and targets and a timetable for implementation over a maximum period of three years. Close cooperation between the Commission and the Member States should be sought and achieved throughout the process.

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(23) In order to ensure the ownership of and a focus on relevant reforms, the Member States should identify the reform commitments in response to challenges identified in the context of the European Semester and propose a detailed set of measures for their implementation, which should contain appropriate milestones and targets and a timetable for implementation over a maximum period of three years. Close cooperation between the Commission and the Member States should be sought and achieved throughout the process.

Or. en

Amendment 128
Maria João Rodrigues

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 23

Text proposed by the Commission

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identified in the context of the European Semester (including those challenges identified in country specific recommendations **and those identified to implement the European Pillar of Social Rights**) and propose a detailed set of measures for their implementation, which should contain appropriate milestones and targets and a timetable for implementation over a maximum period of three years. Close cooperation between the Commission and the Member States should be sought and achieved throughout the process.

Or. en

Amendment 129

Stanisław Ożóg, Zbigniew Kuźmiuk

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 23

Text proposed by the Commission

(23) In order to ensure the ownership of and a focus on relevant reforms, the Member States should identify the reform commitments in response to challenges identified in the context of the European Semester (including those challenges identified in country specific recommendations) and propose a detailed set of measures for their implementation, which should contain appropriate milestones and targets and a timetable for implementation over a maximum period of three years. Close cooperation between the Commission and the Member States should be sought and achieved throughout the process.

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(23) In order to ensure the ownership of and a focus on relevant reforms, the Member States should identify the reform commitments in response to challenges identified in the context of the European Semester (including those challenges identified in country specific recommendations **as well as the national reform programmes**) and propose a detailed set of measures for their implementation, which should contain appropriate milestones and targets and a timetable for implementation over a maximum period of three years. Close cooperation between the Commission and the Member States should be sought and achieved throughout the process.

Or. en

Amendment 130
Dariusz Rosati

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 23

Text proposed by the Commission

(23) In order to ensure the ownership of and a focus on relevant reforms, the Member States should identify the reform commitments in response to challenges identified in the context of the European Semester (including those challenges identified in country specific recommendations) and propose a detailed set of measures for their implementation, which should contain appropriate milestones and targets and a timetable for implementation over a maximum period of three years. Close cooperation between the Commission and the Member States should be sought and achieved throughout the process.

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(23) In order to ensure the ownership of and a focus on relevant reforms, the Member States should identify the reform commitments in response to challenges identified in the context of the European Semester (including those challenges identified in country specific recommendations **and the national reform programmes**) and propose a detailed set of measures for their implementation, which should contain appropriate milestones and targets and a timetable for implementation over a maximum period of three years. Close cooperation between the Commission and the Member States should be sought and achieved throughout the process.

Or. en

Amendment 131
Sven Giegold
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 23

Text proposed by the Commission

(23) In order to ensure the ownership of and a focus on relevant reforms, the Member States should identify the reform commitments in response to challenges identified in the context of the European Semester (including those challenges identified in country specific recommendations) and propose a detailed set of measures for their implementation, which should contain appropriate

Amendment

(23) In order to ensure the ownership of and a focus on relevant reforms, the Member States should identify the reform commitments, **where appropriate those** in response to challenges identified in the context of the European Semester (including those challenges identified in country specific recommendations) and propose a detailed set of measures for their implementation, which should contain

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Or. en

Amendment 132

Markus Ferber

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 23

Text proposed by the Commission

(23) In order to ensure the ownership of and a focus on relevant reforms, the Member States should identify the reform commitments in response to challenges identified in the context of the European Semester (including those challenges identified in country specific recommendations) and propose a detailed set of measures for their implementation, which should contain appropriate milestones and targets and a timetable for implementation over a maximum period of **three** years. Close cooperation between the Commission and the Member States should be sought and achieved throughout the process.

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(23) In order to ensure the ownership of and a focus on relevant reforms, the Member States should identify the reform commitments in response to challenges identified in the context of the European Semester (including those challenges identified in country specific recommendations) and propose a detailed set of measures for their implementation, which should contain appropriate milestones and targets and a timetable for implementation over a maximum period of **two** years. Close cooperation between the Commission and the Member States should be sought and achieved throughout the process.

Or. en

Justification

The Programme should strive to achieve a fast implementation of reform commitments.

Amendment 133

Eider Gardiazabal Rubial, Costas Mavrides

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 23 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(23a) The Member States should state how they involved their local and regional authorities in assessing reform needs and in designing, implementing, monitoring and evaluating reform commitments. This involvement will take place in a structured and permanent manner in the context of the European Semester, so that local and regional authorities can take part, as full partners and from the beginning, in the dialogue with the European Commission leading to the publication of the Country Reports and the Country-specific Recommendations. Member States will decide how to organise such involvement according to their constitutional setting and current division of powers across levels of government.

Or. en

Amendment 134
Sven Giegold
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 23 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(23a) For reform commitments the Member State should organise a partnership with the representatives of competent regional and local authorities, economic and social partners and relevant bodies representing civil society and non-governmental organisations. The purpose of such partnership is to ensure respect for multi-level governance, and also of subsidiarity, proportionality and the specificities of the Member States' different institutional and legal

frameworks as well as to ensure the ownership of the planned structural reform.

Or. en

Amendment 135

Liadh Ní Riada

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 24

Text proposed by the Commission

(24) The Commission should assess the nature and the importance of the reform commitments proposed by the Member States and *should determine the amount to be allocated on the basis of transparent criteria. To that effect, it should take into account the substantive elements provided by the Member States and assess whether the reform commitments proposed by the Member States are expected to effectively address challenges identified in the context of the European Semester, whether they represent a comprehensive reform package*, whether they are expected to strengthen the performance and resilience of the national economy and whether their implementation is expected to have a lasting impact in the Member State where relevant by strengthening the institutional and administrative capacity of the Member State concerned. In addition, the Commission should assess whether the internal arrangements proposed by the Member States, including the proposed milestones and targets, and the related indicators, are expected to ensure effective implementation of the reform commitments during a maximum period of three years.

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(24) The Commission should assess the nature and the importance of the reform commitments proposed by the Member States and whether they are expected to strengthen the performance and resilience of the national economy and whether their implementation is expected to have a lasting impact in the Member State where relevant by strengthening the institutional and administrative capacity of the Member State concerned. In addition, the Commission should assess whether the internal arrangements proposed by the Member States, including the proposed milestones and targets, and the related indicators, are expected to ensure effective implementation of the reform commitments during a maximum period of three years.

Or. en

Amendment 136
Isabelle Thomas

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 24

Text proposed by the Commission

(24) The Commission should assess the nature and the importance of the reform commitments proposed by the Member States and should determine the amount to be allocated on the basis of transparent criteria. To that effect, it should take into account the substantive elements provided by the Member States and assess whether the reform commitments proposed by the Member States are expected to effectively address challenges identified in the context of the European Semester, whether they represent a comprehensive reform package, whether they are expected to strengthen the performance and resilience of the national economy and whether their implementation is expected to have a lasting impact in the Member State where relevant by strengthening the institutional and administrative capacity of the Member State concerned. In addition, the Commission should assess whether the internal arrangements proposed by the Member States, including the proposed milestones and targets, and the related indicators, are expected to ensure effective implementation of the reform commitments during a maximum period of three years.

Amendment

(24) ***Taking into account the opinion of the independent fiscal institution***, the Commission should assess the nature and the importance of the reform commitments proposed by the Member States and should determine the amount to be allocated on the basis of transparent criteria. To that effect, it should take into account the substantive elements provided by the Member States and assess whether the reform commitments proposed by the Member States are expected to effectively address challenges identified in the context of the European Semester, whether they represent a comprehensive reform package, whether they are expected to ***take into account the commitments of the Union and of Member States under the Paris Agreement and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals***, whether they are expected to ***take account of gender in so far as they could affect men and women differently***, whether they are expected to strengthen the performance and resilience of the national economy, ***whether they are expected to have spill-over effects to other Member State***, ***whether they are reforms already under way for which the Member State has received EU funding***, and whether their implementation is expected to have a lasting impact ***in the Member State*** where relevant by strengthening the institutional and administrative capacity of the Member State concerned. In addition, the Commission should assess whether the internal arrangements proposed by the Member States, including the proposed milestones and targets, and the related indicators, are expected to ensure effective implementation of the reform

commitments during a maximum period of three years.

Or. fr

Amendment 137
Eider Gardiazabal Rubial

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 24

Text proposed by the Commission

(24) The Commission should assess the nature and the importance of the reform commitments proposed by the Member States and should determine the amount to be allocated on the basis of transparent criteria. To that effect, it should take into account the substantive elements provided by the Member States and assess whether the reform commitments proposed by the Member States are expected to effectively address challenges identified in the context of the European Semester, whether they represent a comprehensive reform package, whether they are expected to strengthen the performance and resilience of the *national economy* and whether their implementation is expected to have a lasting impact in the Member State where relevant by strengthening the institutional and administrative capacity of the Member State concerned. In addition, the Commission should assess whether the internal arrangements proposed by the Member States, including the proposed milestones and targets, and the related indicators, are expected to ensure effective implementation of the reform commitments during a maximum period of three years.

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implementation of the reform commitments during a maximum period of three years.

Or. en

Amendment 138

Caroline Nagtegaal, Nils Torvalds

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 24

Text proposed by the Commission

(24) The Commission should assess the nature and the importance of the reform commitments proposed by the Member States and should determine the amount to be allocated on the basis of transparent criteria. To that effect, it should take into account the substantive elements provided by the Member States and assess whether the reform commitments proposed by the Member States are expected to effectively address challenges identified in the context of the European Semester, whether they represent a comprehensive reform package, whether they are expected to strengthen the performance and resilience of the national economy *and* whether their implementation is expected to have a lasting impact in the Member State where relevant by strengthening the institutional and administrative capacity of the Member State concerned. In addition, the Commission should assess whether the internal arrangements proposed by the Member States, including the proposed milestones and targets, and the related indicators, are expected to ensure effective implementation of the reform commitments during a maximum period of three years.

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commitments during a maximum period of three years.

Or. en

Amendment 139

Markus Ferber

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 24

Text proposed by the Commission

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Or. en

Justification

The Programme should strive to achieve a fast implementation of reform commitments.

Amendment 140

Nicola Caputo

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 24

Text proposed by the Commission

(24) The Commission should assess the nature and the importance of the reform commitments proposed by the Member States and should determine the amount to be allocated on the basis of transparent criteria. To that effect, it should take into account the substantive elements provided by the Member States and assess whether the reform commitments proposed by the Member States are expected to effectively address challenges identified in the context of the European Semester, whether they represent a comprehensive reform package, whether they are expected to strengthen the performance and resilience of the national economy and whether their implementation is expected to have a lasting impact in the Member State where relevant by strengthening the institutional and administrative capacity of the Member State concerned. In addition, the Commission should assess whether the internal arrangements proposed by the Member States, including the proposed milestones and targets, and the related indicators, are expected to ensure effective implementation of the reform commitments during a maximum period of three years.

Amendment

(24) The Commission should assess the nature and the importance of the reform commitments proposed by the Member States and should determine the amount to be allocated on the basis of transparent criteria. To that effect, it should take into account the substantive elements provided by the Member States and assess whether the reform commitments proposed by the Member States are expected to effectively address challenges identified in the context of the European Semester, whether they represent a comprehensive reform package, whether they are expected to strengthen the performance and resilience of the national economy and whether their implementation is expected to have a lasting impact in the Member State where relevant by strengthening the institutional and administrative capacity of the Member State concerned. In addition, the Commission should assess whether the internal arrangements proposed by the Member States, including the proposed milestones and targets, and the related indicators, are expected to ensure effective implementation of the reform commitments during a maximum period of three years. ***Particular attention should be paid to proposals with strong grassroots support and partner involvement that also have spill-over effects on other sectors. The Programme should complement other instruments in order to avoid overlaps.***

Amendment 141

Alain Lamassoure, Ivana Maletić

Proposal for a regulation**Recital 24***Text proposed by the Commission*

(24) The Commission should assess the nature and the importance of the reform commitments proposed by the Member States and should determine the amount to be allocated on the basis of transparent criteria. To that effect, it should take into account the substantive elements provided by the Member States and assess whether the reform commitments proposed by the Member States are expected to effectively address challenges identified in the context of the European Semester, whether they represent a comprehensive reform package, whether they are expected to strengthen the performance and resilience of the national economy and whether their implementation is expected to have a lasting impact in the Member State where relevant by strengthening the institutional and administrative capacity of the Member State concerned. In addition, the Commission should assess whether the internal arrangements proposed by the Member States, including the proposed milestones and targets, and the related indicators, are expected to ensure effective implementation of the reform commitments during a maximum period of three years.

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Amendment 142

Sven Giegold

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 24

Text proposed by the Commission

(24) The Commission should assess the nature and the importance of the reform commitments proposed by the Member States and should determine the amount to be allocated on the basis of transparent criteria. To that effect, it should take into account the substantive elements provided by the Member States and assess whether the reform commitments proposed by the Member States are expected to effectively address challenges identified in the context of the European Semester, whether they represent a comprehensive reform package, whether they are expected to strengthen the performance and resilience of the national economy and whether their implementation is expected to have a lasting impact in the Member State where relevant by strengthening the institutional and administrative capacity of the Member State concerned. In addition, the Commission should assess whether the internal arrangements proposed by the Member States, including the proposed milestones and targets, and the related indicators, are expected to ensure effective implementation of the reform commitments during a maximum period of three years.

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(24) The Commission should assess the nature and the importance of the reform commitments proposed by the Member States and should determine the amount to be allocated on the basis of transparent criteria. To that effect, it should take into account the substantive elements provided by the Member States and assess whether the reform commitments proposed by the Member States are expected to effectively **contribute to the objectives set out in Article 6, and where appropriate** address challenges identified in the context of the European Semester, whether they represent a comprehensive reform package, whether they are expected to strengthen the performance and resilience of the national economy and whether their implementation is expected to have a lasting impact in the Member State where relevant by strengthening the institutional and administrative capacity of the Member State concerned. In addition, the Commission should assess whether the internal arrangements proposed by the Member States, including the proposed milestones and targets, and the related indicators, are expected to ensure effective implementation of the reform commitments during a maximum period of three years.

Or. en

Amendment 143

Costas Mavrides

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 24

Text proposed by the Commission

(24) The Commission should assess the nature and the importance of the reform commitments proposed by the Member States and should determine the amount to be allocated on the basis of transparent criteria. To that effect, it should take into account the substantive elements provided by the Member States and assess whether the reform commitments proposed by the Member States are expected to effectively address challenges identified in the context of the European Semester, whether they represent a comprehensive reform package, whether they are expected to strengthen the performance and resilience of the national economy and whether their implementation is expected to have a lasting impact in the Member State where relevant by strengthening the institutional and administrative capacity of the Member State concerned. In addition, the Commission should assess whether the internal arrangements proposed by the Member States, including the proposed milestones and targets, and the related indicators, are expected to ensure effective implementation of the reform commitments during a maximum period of three years.

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(24) The Commission should assess the nature and the importance of the reform commitments proposed by the Member States and should determine the amount to be allocated on the basis of transparent criteria. To that effect, it should take into account the substantive elements provided by the Member States and assess whether the reform commitments proposed by the Member States are expected to effectively address challenges identified in **article 4 and article 6 of this regulation, including those in** the context of the European Semester, whether they represent a comprehensive reform package, whether they are expected to strengthen the **economic, environmental and social** performance and resilience of the national economy and whether their implementation is expected to have a lasting impact in the Member State where relevant by strengthening the institutional and administrative capacity of the Member State concerned. In addition, the Commission should assess whether the internal arrangements proposed by the Member States, including the proposed milestones and targets, and the related indicators, are expected to ensure effective implementation of the reform commitments during a maximum period of three years.

Or. en

Amendment 144
Liadh Ní Riada, Xabier Benito Ziluaga

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 25

Text proposed by the Commission

(25) Appropriate guidelines should be set out, as an annex to this Regulation, to serve as a basis for the Commission to assess - in a transparent and equitable manner - the proposals for reform commitments put forward by the Member States and to determine the financial contribution in conformity with the objectives and any other relevant requirements laid down in this Regulation. In the interest of transparency and efficiency, a rating system for the assessment of the proposals for reform commitments should be established to that effect.

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(25) Appropriate guidelines should be set out, as an annex to this Regulation, to serve as a basis for the Commission to assess - in a transparent and equitable manner - the proposals for reform commitments put forward by the Member States and to determine the financial contribution in conformity with the objectives and any other relevant requirements laid down in this Regulation. In the interest of transparency and efficiency, a rating system for the assessment of the proposals for reform commitments should be established to that effect. ***This rating system will provide for the possibility of a broad spectrum of economic policies within the Programme. This is necessary in order to ensure that The Programme does not restrict the Member States' ability to implement economic policies and reform agendas that reflect the democratic mandate of their national governments.***

Or. en

Amendment 145

Liadh Ní Riada

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 26

Text proposed by the Commission

(26) In order to contribute to the preparation of high quality proposals and assist the Commission in the assessment of the proposals for reform commitments submitted by the Member States and in the assessment of the degree of their achievement, provision should be made for the use of peer counselling and expert advice. In addition, the Council for Economic Policy Committee of the

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Council dealing with the European Semester, in consultation, where appropriate, with relevant Treaty-based committees, should be able to provide an opinion on the proposals for reform commitments as submitted by Member States. In the interest of simplification, the reporting by Member States on the progress made in the implementation of reform commitments should be made within the framework of the European Semester.

Or. en

Amendment 146

Eider Gardiazabal Rubial, Costas Mavrides

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 26

Text proposed by the Commission

(26) In order to contribute to the preparation of high quality proposals and assist the Commission in the assessment of the proposals for reform commitments submitted by the Member States and in the assessment of the degree of their achievement, provision should be made for the use of peer counselling and expert advice. In addition, the Council for Economic Policy Committee of the Council dealing with the European Semester, in consultation, where appropriate, with relevant Treaty-based committees, should be able to provide *an opinion* on the proposals for reform commitments as submitted by Member States. In the interest of simplification, the reporting by Member States on the progress made in the implementation of reform commitments should be made within the framework of the European Semester.

Amendment

(26) In order to contribute to the preparation of high quality proposals and assist the Commission in the assessment of the proposals for reform commitments submitted by the Member States and in the assessment of the degree of their achievement, provision should be made for the use of peer counselling and expert advice. In addition, the Council for Economic Policy Committee of the Council dealing with the European Semester, *the Employment Committee and the Social Protection Committee*, in consultation, where appropriate, with relevant Treaty-based committees, should be able to provide *opinions* on the proposals for reform commitments as submitted by Member States. In the interest of simplification, the reporting by Member States on the progress made in the implementation of reform commitments should be made within the framework of the European Semester.

Amendment 147**Dariusz Rosati****Proposal for a regulation****Recital 26***Text proposed by the Commission*

(26) In order to contribute to the preparation of high quality proposals and assist the Commission in the assessment of the proposals for reform commitments submitted by the Member States and in the assessment of the degree of their achievement, provision should be made for the use of peer counselling and expert advice. In addition, the *Council for Economic Policy Committee* of the Council dealing with the European Semester, in consultation, where appropriate, with relevant Treaty-based committees, should be able to provide an opinion on the proposals for reform commitments as submitted by Member States. In the interest of simplification, the reporting by Member States on the progress made in the implementation of reform commitments should be made within the framework of the European Semester.

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(26) In order to contribute to the preparation of high quality proposals and assist the Commission in the assessment of the proposals for reform commitments submitted by the Member States and in the assessment of the degree of their achievement, provision should be made for the use of peer counselling and expert advice. In addition, the Economic Policy Committee of the Council dealing with the European Semester, in consultation, where appropriate, with relevant Treaty-based committees, should be able to provide an opinion on the proposals for reform commitments as submitted by Member States. In the interest of simplification, the reporting by Member States on the progress made in the implementation of reform commitments should be made within the framework of the European Semester.

Or. en

Amendment 148**Alain Lamassoure, Ivana Maletić****Proposal for a regulation****Recital 26***Text proposed by the Commission*

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assist the Commission in the assessment of the proposals for reform commitments submitted by the Member States and in the assessment of the degree of their achievement, provision should be made for the use of peer counselling and expert advice. ***The national fiscal council should be invited to provide its opinion on the budgetary aspects of the proposed reform commitments before the official submission of the proposal to the Commission.*** In addition, the Council for Economic Policy Committee of the Council dealing with the European Semester, in consultation, where appropriate, with relevant Treaty-based committees, should be able to provide an opinion on the proposals for reform commitments as submitted by Member States. In the interest of simplification, the reporting by Member States on the progress made in the implementation of reform commitments should be made within the framework of the European Semester.

Or. en

Amendment 149

Alain Lamassoure, Ivana Maletić

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 26 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(26a) Member States should consult their national independent fiscal institution ahead of the official submission of the proposal of reform commitments to the Commission. Such independent fiscal institution should build on the independent bodies as laid down in Regulation (EU) No. 473/2013 of the European Parliament and the Council of 21 May 2013. Member States whose currency is not the euro and to whom the

obligations of Regulation (EU) No. 473/2013 therefore do not apply should ensure that an independent fiscal institution is established that could provide them with an independent opinion. They could refer to the technical support instrument to establish this independent body if needed. Administrative assistance provided by this Programme could be used to support this independent body provided there is no conflict of interest when delivering its opinion on the reform commitments.

Or. en

Amendment 150
Liadh Ní Riada

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 27

Text proposed by the Commission

(27) For the purpose of simplification, the determination of the financial contribution should follow simple criteria. The financial contribution should be the total maximum indicative amount if the reform commitments proposed by the Member State fully meet the criteria for assessment, and should be half the maximum indicative amount if the reform commitments proposed by the Member State meet those criteria only in a satisfactory manner. ***No financial contribution should be awarded to the Member State if the proposal for reform commitments does not satisfactorily address the assessment criteria.***

Amendment

(27) For the purpose of simplification, the determination of the financial contribution should follow simple criteria. The financial contribution should be the total maximum indicative amount if the reform commitments proposed by the Member State fully meet the criteria for assessment, and should be half the maximum indicative amount if the reform commitments proposed by the Member State meet those criteria only in a satisfactory manner.

Or. en

Amendment 151
Caroline Nagtegaal, Ramon Tremosa i Balcells, Nils Torvalds

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 27

Text proposed by the Commission

(27) **For the purpose of simplification**, the determination of the financial contribution should follow simple criteria. The financial contribution should be **the total maximum indicative amount** if the reform commitments proposed by the Member State fully meet the criteria for assessment, and should be half **the maximum indicative** amount if the reform commitments proposed by the Member State meet those criteria only in a satisfactory manner. No financial contribution should be awarded to the Member State if the proposal for reform commitments does not satisfactorily address the assessment criteria.

Amendment

(27) The determination of the financial contribution should follow simple criteria. The financial contribution should be **related to the nature and importance of the reform** if the reform commitments proposed by the Member State fully meet the criteria for assessment, and should be half **of this** amount if the reform commitments proposed by the Member State meet those criteria only in a satisfactory manner. No financial contribution should be awarded to the Member State if the proposal for reform commitments does not satisfactorily address the assessment criteria.

Or. en

Amendment 152
Markus Ferber

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 27

Text proposed by the Commission

(27) For the purpose of simplification, the determination of the financial contribution should follow simple criteria. The financial contribution should be the total maximum indicative amount if the reform commitments proposed by the Member State fully meet the criteria for assessment, and should be **half** the maximum indicative amount if the reform commitments proposed by the Member State meet those criteria only in a satisfactory manner. No financial contribution should be awarded to the Member State if the proposal for reform

Amendment

(27) For the purpose of simplification, the determination of the financial contribution should follow simple criteria. The financial contribution should be the total maximum indicative amount **only** if the reform commitments proposed by the Member State fully meet the criteria for assessment, and should be **a quarter of** the maximum indicative amount if the reform commitments proposed by the Member State meet those criteria only in a satisfactory manner. No financial contribution should be awarded to the Member State if the proposal for reform

commitments does not satisfactorily address the assessment criteria.

commitments does not satisfactorily address the assessment criteria.

Or. en

Justification

Incentives should be set to ensure that Member States fully implement the reforms they have committed to.

Amendment 153

Liadh Ní Riada, Xabier Benito Ziluaga

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 28

Text proposed by the Commission

(28) To foster the stability of the reform commitments, a Member State should have the possibility to amend the reform commitments only once within the period of implementation, *where objective circumstances justify such a course of action.*

Amendment

(28) To foster the stability of the reform commitments, a Member State should have the possibility to amend the reform commitments only once within the period of implementation, *or in the event of a change of government at national level with a democratic mandate for different economic policies or reform agenda.*

Or. en

Amendment 154

Alain Lamassoure, Ivana Maletić

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 28

Text proposed by the Commission

(28) To foster the stability of the reform commitments, a Member State should have the possibility to amend the reform commitments *only once* within the period of implementation, where objective circumstances justify such a course of action.

Amendment

(28) To foster the stability of the reform commitments, a Member State should have the possibility to amend the reform commitments within the period of implementation, where objective circumstances justify such a course of action.

Amendment 155

Markus Ferber

Proposal for a regulation**Recital 28***Text proposed by the Commission*

(28) To foster the stability of the reform commitments, a Member State should have the possibility to amend the reform commitments only once within the period of implementation, where objective circumstances justify such a course of action.

Amendment

(28) To foster the stability of the reform commitments, a Member State should have the possibility to amend the reform commitments only once within the period of implementation, where objective circumstances justify such a course of action. ***Any amendment to the reform commitment should be subject to approval by the European Commission.***

Or. en

Amendment 156

Liadh Ní Riada

Proposal for a regulation**Recital 31***Text proposed by the Commission*

(31) For the purpose of sound financial management, specific rules should be laid down for budget commitments, payments, suspension, cancellation and recovery of funds. Payments should be based on a positive assessment by the Commission of the implementation of the reform commitments ***by the Member State. Suspension and cancellation of the financial contribution should be possible when the reform commitments have not been implemented in a satisfactory manner*** by the Member State. To ensure a sustainable impact of the reforms after they are implemented, a reasonable period

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(31) For the purpose of sound financial management, specific rules should be laid down for budget commitments, payments, suspension, cancellation and recovery of funds. Payments should be based on a positive assessment by the Commission of the implementation of the reform commitments by the Member State. To ensure a sustainable impact of the reforms after they are implemented, a reasonable period defining the durability of the reforms after the payment of the financial contribution should be established. A period of five years should be considered to be a reasonable minimum to be applied.

defining the durability of the reforms after the payment of the financial contribution should be established. A period of five years should be considered to be a reasonable minimum to be applied. Appropriate contradictory procedures should be established to ensure that the decision by the Commission in relation to suspension, cancellation and recovery of amounts paid respects the right of Member States to provide observations.

Appropriate contradictory procedures should be established to ensure that the decision by the Commission in relation to suspension, cancellation and recovery of amounts paid respects the right of Member States to provide observations.

Or. en

Amendment 157

Sven Giegold

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 31

Text proposed by the Commission

(31) For the purpose of sound financial management, specific rules should be laid down for budget commitments, payments, suspension, cancellation and recovery of funds. Payments should be based on a positive assessment by the Commission of the implementation of the reform commitments by the Member State. Suspension and cancellation of the financial contribution should be possible when the reform commitments have not been implemented in a satisfactory manner by the Member State. To ensure a sustainable impact of the reforms after they are implemented, a reasonable period defining the durability of the reforms after the payment of the financial contribution should be established. A period of *five* years should be considered to be a reasonable minimum to be applied. Appropriate contradictory procedures should be established to ensure that the decision by the Commission in relation to suspension, cancellation and recovery of

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amounts paid respects the right of Member States to provide observations.

amounts paid respects the right of Member States to provide observations.

Or. en

Amendment 158

Bernd Lucke

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 32

Text proposed by the Commission

(32) With regard to the technical support *instrument*, Member States have increasingly taken up technical support under the SRSP, beyond initial expectations. Almost all Member States have requested support under the SRSP and requests are distributed across all policy areas covered by that programme. For that reason, the main features of the SRSP should be maintained, including the actions eligible for financing under the technical support instrument.

Amendment

(32) With regard to the technical support *objective in the reform delivery and technical support tool*, Member States have increasingly taken up technical support under the SRSP, beyond initial expectations. Almost all Member States have requested support under the SRSP and requests are distributed across all policy areas covered by that programme. For that reason, the main features of the SRSP should be maintained, including the actions eligible for financing under the technical support instrument.

Or. en

Amendment 159

Liadh Ní Riada, Xabier Benito Ziluaga

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 33

Text proposed by the Commission

(33) The technical support instrument under the Programme should continue to support, the implementation of reforms undertaken at the initiative of the Member States, reforms in the context of economic governance processes or actions related to the implementation of Union law, and *reforms in relation* to the *implementation*

Amendment

(33) The technical support instrument under the Programme should continue to support, the implementation of reforms undertaken at the initiative of the Member States, reforms in the context of economic governance processes or actions related to the implementation of Union law, and *prioritise assistance to countries who have*

of economic adjustment programmes. It should also provide technical support for the preparation and implementation of reforms to be undertaken under the other Programme instruments.

*experienced an exacerbated recession due to the **harmful economic conditionality** of economic adjustment programmes. It should also provide technical support for the preparation and implementation of reforms to be undertaken under the other Programme instruments.*

Or. en

Amendment 160

Liadh Ní Riada, Xabier Benito Ziluaga

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 37

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(37) Provisions on the implementation of the technical support instrument should be laid down, in particular the management modes, the forms of funding for the technical support measures and the content of work programmes, which should be adopted by way of implementing acts. In view of the importance of sustaining the efforts of Member States in pursuing and implementing reforms, it is necessary to allow for a co-financing rate for grants of up to 100% of the eligible costs. To allow for a rapid mobilisation of technical support in case of urgency, provision should be made for the adoption of special measures for a limited period of time. To that effect, a limited amount of the budget within the work programme of the technical support instrument should be set aside for special measures.

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Or. en

Amendment 161

Bernd Lucke

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 37

Text proposed by the Commission

(37) Provisions on the implementation of the technical support instrument should be laid down, in particular the management modes, the forms of funding for the technical support measures and the content of work programmes, which should be adopted by way of implementing acts. In view of the importance of sustaining the efforts of Member States in pursuing and implementing reforms, it is necessary to allow for a co-financing rate for grants of up to 100% of the eligible costs. To allow for a rapid mobilisation of technical support in case of urgency, provision should be made for the adoption of special measures for a limited period of time. To that effect, a limited amount of the budget within the work programme of the technical support instrument should be set aside for special measures.

Amendment

(37) Provisions on the implementation of the ***technical support component of the reform delivery and*** technical support instrument should be laid down, in particular the management modes, the forms of funding for the technical support measures and the content of work programmes, which should be adopted by way of implementing acts. In view of the importance of sustaining the efforts of Member States in pursuing and implementing reforms, it is necessary to allow for a co-financing rate for grants of up to 100% of the eligible costs. To allow for a rapid mobilisation of technical support in case of urgency, provision should be made for the adoption of special measures for a limited period of time. To that effect, a limited amount of the budget within the work programme of the technical support instrument should be set aside for special measures.

Or. en

Amendment 162
Stanisław Ożóg, Zbigniew Kuźmiuk

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 38

Text proposed by the Commission

(38) ***The convergence facility should aim at providing both financial support and technical support to Member States (in addition to that already available under the two other instruments of the Programme), whose currency is not the euro and which have taken demonstrable steps towards adopting the single currency within a given time-frame, with a view to***

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helping them prepare for membership in the euro area. To that effect, "demonstrable steps" should consist of a formal letter from the government of the Member State concerned to the Commission stating its clear commitment to join the euro area within a reasonable and defined timeframe and presenting a credible, time-bound roadmap, after consultation with the Commission, for implementing concrete measures to prepare for successful participation in the euro area, including steps to ensure full alignment of its national legislation with the requirements under Union law (including the Banking Union).

Or. en

Amendment 163
Bernd Lucke

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 38

Text proposed by the Commission

(38) The convergence facility should aim at providing both financial support and technical support to Member States (in addition to that already available under the two other instruments of the Programme), whose currency is not the euro and which have taken demonstrable steps towards adopting the single currency within a given time-frame, with a view to helping them prepare for membership in the euro area. To that effect, "demonstrable steps" should consist of a formal letter from the government of the Member State concerned to the Commission stating its clear commitment to join the euro area within a reasonable and defined timeframe and presenting a credible, time-bound roadmap, after consultation with the Commission, for implementing concrete measures to prepare for successful

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participation in the euro area, including steps to ensure full alignment of its national legislation with the requirements under Union law (*including the Banking Union*).

participation in the euro area, including steps to ensure full alignment of its national legislation with the requirements under Union law.

Or. en

Amendment 164

Sven Giegold

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 38

Text proposed by the Commission

(38) The convergence facility should aim at providing both financial support and technical support to Member States (in addition to that already available under the two other instruments of the Programme), whose currency is not the euro and which have taken demonstrable steps towards adopting the single currency within a given time-frame, with a view to helping them prepare for membership in the euro area. To that effect, "demonstrable steps" should consist of a formal letter from the government of the Member State concerned to the Commission stating its clear commitment to join the euro area within a reasonable and defined timeframe and presenting a credible, time-bound roadmap, after consultation with the Commission, for implementing concrete measures to prepare for successful participation in the euro area, including steps to ensure full alignment of its national legislation with the requirements under Union law (including the Banking Union).

Amendment

(38) The convergence facility should aim at providing both financial support and technical support to Member States (in addition to that already available under the two other instruments of the Programme), whose currency is not the euro and which have taken demonstrable steps towards adopting the single currency within a given time-frame, with a view to helping them prepare for membership in the euro area. To that effect, "demonstrable steps" should consist of a formal letter from the government of the Member State concerned to the Commission stating its clear commitment to join the euro area within a reasonable and defined timeframe and presenting a credible, time-bound roadmap, after consultation with the Commission, for implementing concrete measures to prepare for successful participation in the euro area, including steps to ensure full alignment of its national legislation with the requirements under Union law (including the Banking Union). ***Apart from economic convergence, successful participation in the euro-zone requires reforms in the area of financial sector supervision and governance. Therefore the convergence facility will also be available to reforms***

that aim at improving financial supervision and administrative capacities to fight tax evasion, tax avoidance and money laundering, as well as the stability of domestic financial sectors.

Or. en

Amendment 165

Stanisław Ożóg, Zbigniew Kuźmiuk

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 39

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(39) The instrument should be made up of two different components, which should aim to provide increased financial incentives for Member States that are embarking on and completing relevant structural reforms for joining the euro area, and should also aim to offer additional and targeted technical support for the design and implementation of such reforms.

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Or. en

Amendment 166

Stanisław Ożóg, Zbigniew Kuźmiuk

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 40

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(40) In the interest of consistency and simplification, the financial and technical support components carried out under the convergence facility should follow the same rules and implementation process as the other instruments under the Programme. Therefore, relevant provisions relating to the reform delivery

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tool and the technical support instrument under the Programme should also apply to the relevant components of the convergence facility, complemented by certain specific rules.

Or. en

Amendment 167

Bernd Lucke

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 40

Text proposed by the Commission

(40) In the interest of consistency and simplification, the financial and technical support components carried out under the convergence facility should follow the same rules and implementation process as the other instruments under the Programme. Therefore, relevant provisions relating to the reform delivery *tool and the technical support instrument* under the Programme should also apply to the relevant components of the convergence facility, complemented by certain specific rules.

Amendment

(40) In the interest of consistency and simplification, the financial and technical support components carried out under the convergence facility should follow the same rules and implementation process as the other instruments under the Programme. Therefore, relevant provisions relating to the reform delivery technical support *tool* under the Programme should also apply to the relevant components of the convergence facility, complemented by certain specific rules.

Or. en

Amendment 168

Stanisław Ożóg, Zbigniew Kuźmiuk

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 41

Text proposed by the Commission

(41) As regards eligibility of reforms and actions, there should be some additional rules on fixing the maximum indicative allocation, and on the proposals for reform commitments, requests for

Amendment

(41) As regards eligibility of reforms and actions, there should be some additional rules on fixing the maximum indicative allocation, and on the proposals for reform commitments, requests for

technical support, and the related assessment process. ***In particular, under the financial support component of the convergence facility, an additional financial contribution should be available for allocation to the eligible Member States over and above the financial contribution to be allocated under the reform delivery tool, which should be granted in return for additional reforms undertaken by the Member State concerned.***

technical support, and the related assessment process.

Or. en

Amendment 169
Bernd Lucke

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 41

Text proposed by the Commission

(41) As regards eligibility of reforms and actions, there should be some additional rules on fixing the maximum indicative allocation, and on the proposals for reform commitments, requests for technical support, and the related assessment process. In particular, under the ***financial support component of the convergence facility***, an additional financial contribution should be available for allocation to the eligible Member States over and above the financial contribution to be allocated under the reform delivery tool, which should be granted in return for additional reforms undertaken by the Member State concerned.

Amendment

(41) As regards eligibility of reforms and actions, there should be some additional rules on fixing the maximum indicative allocation, and on the proposals for reform commitments, requests for technical support, and the related assessment process. In particular, under the convergence facility, an additional financial contribution should be available for allocation to the eligible Member States over and above the financial contribution to be allocated under the reform delivery ***and technical support*** tool, which should be granted in return for additional reforms undertaken by the Member State concerned.

Or. en

Amendment 170
Caroline Nagtegaal, Nils Torvalds

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 44

Text proposed by the Commission

(44) An independent mid-term evaluation, looking at the achievement of the objectives of the Programme, the efficiency of the use of its resources and its added value should be carried out. An independent ex-post evaluation should, in addition, deal with the long-term impact of the Programme.

Amendment

(44) An independent mid-term evaluation, looking at the achievement of the objectives of the Programme, the efficiency of the use of its resources and its added value should be carried out. An independent ex-post evaluation should, in addition, deal with the long-term impact of the Programme ***and with moral hazard that might be caused by the Programme. The possibility of extending the conditionality on the implementation of structural reforms to other parts of the European budget should be studied and assessed.***

Or. en

Amendment 171
Eider Gardiazabal Rubial, Costas Mavrides

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 46 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(46a) The investment costs related to reforms that received a positive assessment by the Commission to a proposal for reform commitments submitted by a Member States in the context of this programme, as identified in Article 11 paragraph 3 point d of this Regulation, should be deducted from the calculation of the national deficit level.

Or. en

Amendment 172
Bernd Lucke

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 48

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(48) *Since the objectives of this Regulation cannot be sufficiently achieved by the Member States alone, but can rather be better achieved at Union level, the Union may adopt measures in accordance with the principle of subsidiarity as set out in Article 5 of the Treaty on European Union. In accordance with the principle of proportionality, as set out in that Article, this Regulation does not go beyond that which is necessary to achieve that objective*

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 173
Eider Gardiazabal Rubial

Proposal for a regulation
Article 2 – paragraph -1 (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

-1 *‘structural reform’ means measures lasting reforms aimed at addressing economic, environmental and social challenges, with a view to enhancing cohesion, convergence, sustainable growth and high-quality job creation in particular in the context of economic governance processes*

Or. en

Amendment 174
Eider Gardiazabal Rubial, Costas Mavrides

Proposal for a regulation
Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. ‘technical support’ means measures **that help Member States to carry out institutional, administrative and growth-sustaining structural reforms**, including measures that help Member States, whose currency is not the euro, to prepare for participation in the euro area;

Amendment

1. ‘technical support’ means measures **aimed at strengthening the performance and efficacy of institutions, governance, social dialogue, administrations and economic and social sectors**, including measures that help Member States, whose currency is not the euro, to prepare for participation in the euro area;

Or. en

Amendment 175

Sven Giegold

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. ‘technical support’ means measures that help Member States to carry out institutional, administrative and **growth-sustaining** structural reforms, including measures that help Member States, whose currency is not the euro, to prepare for participation in the euro area;

Amendment

1. ‘technical support’ means measures that help Member States to carry out institutional, administrative and **sustainable and job-creating** structural reforms, including measures that help Member States, whose currency is not the euro, to prepare for participation in the euro area;

Or. en

Amendment 176

Sven Giegold

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. ‘financial support’ means a financial contribution to a Member State

Amendment

2. ‘financial support’ means a financial contribution to a Member State

for the purpose of the implementation of structural reforms identified in the context of the European Semester process in accordance with Article 2-a of Council Regulation (EC) No 1466/97²⁸, and for the purpose of implementation of reforms that are relevant for preparation for participation in the euro area;

²⁸ Council Regulation (EC) No 1466/97 of 7 July 1997 on the strengthening of the surveillance of budgetary positions and the surveillance and coordination of economic policies (OJ L 209, 2.8.1997, p. 1)

for the purpose of the implementation of **sustainable and job-creating** structural reforms **included but not only those** identified in the context of the European Semester process in accordance with Article 2-a of Council Regulation (EC) No 1466/97²⁸, and for the purpose of implementation of reforms that are relevant for preparation for participation in the euro area;

²⁸ Council Regulation (EC) No 1466/97 of 7 July 1997 on the strengthening of the surveillance of budgetary positions and the surveillance and coordination of economic policies (OJ L 209, 2.8.1997, p. 1)

Or. en

Amendment 177

Liadh Ní Riada, Xabier Benito Ziluaga

Proposal for a regulation

Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. ‘financial support’ means a financial contribution to a Member State for the purpose of the implementation of **structural reforms identified in the context of the European Semester process in accordance with Article 2-a of Council Regulation (EC) No 1466/97²⁸, and for the purpose of implementation of** reforms that are relevant for preparation for participation in the euro area;

²⁸ **Council Regulation (EC) No 1466/97 of 7 July 1997 on the strengthening of the surveillance of budgetary positions and the surveillance and coordination of economic policies (OJ L 209, 2.8.1997, p. 1)**

Amendment

2. ‘financial support’ means a financial contribution to a Member State for the purpose of the implementation of reforms, **including** reforms that are relevant for preparation for participation in the euro area;

Amendment 178

Marco Valli, Laura Agea, Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Proposal for a regulation

Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. ‘financial support’ means a financial contribution to a Member State for the purpose of the implementation of structural reforms identified in the ***context of the European Semester process in accordance with Article 2-a of Council Regulation (EC) No 1466/97²⁸***, and for the purpose of implementation of reforms that are relevant for preparation for participation in the euro area;

²⁸ *Council Regulation (EC) No 1466/97 of 7 July 1997 on the strengthening of the surveillance of budgetary positions and the surveillance and coordination of economic policies (OJ L 209, 2.8.1997, p. 1)*

Amendment

2. ‘financial support’ means a financial contribution to a Member State for the purpose of the implementation of structural reforms identified in the ***national reform program***, and for the purpose of implementation of reforms that are relevant for preparation for participation in the euro area;

Amendment 179

Alain Lamassoure, Ivana Maletić

Proposal for a regulation

Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point 3 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

3a. National fiscal council means a relevant national independent body as referred to the EU Directive 2011/85, EU Regulation 1466/97, EU Regulation 473/2013, the intergovernmental Treaty on Stability, Coordination and

Governance in the Economic and Monetary Union, stipulating that Member States should have independent fiscal bodies in place.

Or. en

Amendment 180

Stanisław Ożóg, Zbigniew Kuźmiuk

Proposal for a regulation

Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point 6

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

6. ‘eligible Member State’, under the convergence facility, means a Member State, whose currency is not the euro and which has taken demonstrable steps towards adopting the single currency within a given time-frame, in its preparation to join the euro area. Demonstrable steps shall consist of a formal letter from the government of the Member State concerned to the Commission stating its clear commitment to join the euro area within a reasonable and defined timeframe and presenting a credible time-bound roadmap, after consultation with the Commission, for implementing concrete measures to prepare for successful participation in the euro area, including steps to ensure full alignment of its national legislation with the requirements under Union law (including the Banking Union).

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 181

Liadh Ní Riada, Xabier Benito Ziluaga

Proposal for a regulation

Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point 6 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

6a. *"Real convergence and acceptable conditions of integration in the Eurozone". The EU assumes the commitment of addressing the necessary reforms to prepare the conditions of having an economic area conceived for an optimal integration of all the old and new Member States. This implies that the EU is obliged to give steps in the way of implementing policy for a real convergence. In other words, economic and employment policies to tackle first the lower levels of unemployment or investment in peripheral countries, due to the privileges enjoyed by the countries with external surplus, and the implementation of an internal redistributive and automatic mechanisms for off-setting the single market trends, which creates divergences within the Eurozone.*

Or. en

Amendment 182

Eider Gardiazabal Rubial, Costas Mavrides

Proposal for a regulation

Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point 6 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

6a. *'spillover effect' means externalities of reform upon other policy areas or Member States.*

Or. en

Amendment 183

Maria João Rodrigues

Proposal for a regulation
Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) the reform *delivery* tool;

Amendment

(a) the reform *and convergence* tool;

Or. en

Amendment 184
Bernd Lucke

Proposal for a regulation
Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) the reform delivery tool;

Amendment

(a) the reform delivery *and technical support* tool;

Or. en

Amendment 185
Bernd Lucke

Proposal for a regulation
Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) *the technical support instrument;*
and

Amendment

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 186
Stanisław Ożóg, Zbigniew Kuźmiuk

Proposal for a regulation
Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(c) *the convergence facility for euro-area membership preparation.* **deleted**

Or. en

Justification

The Convergence Facility (CF) combines the functions of Reform delivery tool (RDT) and (Technical support instrument (TSI), whilst limiting potential beneficiaries to countries outside the euro area. Reform Support Programme should be open to all Member States to the full extent. In addition, CF is a hybrid of RDT and TSI and it does not present added value. At the same time, it is difficult to imagine a situation that Member states would propose two sets of reforms - separately for the CF and the RDT as it is set out later in the document.

Amendment 187

Marco Valli, Laura Agea, Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(a) to contribute to addressing national *reform* challenges *of a structural nature* aimed at improving the *performance of the national economies and at promoting resilient* economic and social structures in the Member States, *thereby* contributing to cohesion, competitiveness, productivity, growth and employment; and

(a) to contribute to addressing national *economic and social* challenges aimed at improving the *resilience of* economic and social structures in the Member States *and at* contributing to cohesion, *economic and social inclusion*, competitiveness, productivity, *sustainable* growth and *quality* employment; and

Or. en

Amendment 188

Markus Ferber

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(a) to contribute to addressing national

(a) to contribute to addressing national

reform challenges of a structural nature aimed at improving the performance of the national economies and at promoting resilient economic and social structures in the Member States, thereby contributing to *cohesion, competitiveness, productivity, growth and employment; and*

reform challenges of a structural nature aimed at improving the performance of the national economies and at promoting resilient economic and social structures in the Member States, thereby contributing to *more competitive and productive economies;*

Or. en

Justification

The guiding principle of the program should be to make Member States economies more competitive.

Amendment 189

Eider Gardiazabal Rubial

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) to contribute to addressing national reform challenges of a structural nature aimed at improving the performance of the *national* economies and at promoting resilient economic and social structures in the Member States, thereby contributing to cohesion, competitiveness, productivity, growth *and employment*; and

Amendment

(a) to contribute to addressing national reform challenges of a structural nature aimed at improving the *economic, social and environmental* performance of the economies *of the EU* and at promoting resilient economic and social structures in the Member States *and to contribute to the implementation of the commitments of the Union and of Member States in the context of the Paris Agreement, the UN Sustainable Development Goals and the European Pillar of Social Rights*, thereby contributing to *upward convergence, cohesion, competitiveness, efficiency, productivity, sustainable development, inclusive growth, inequality reduction, social inclusion, the promotion of resilient economic and social structures, public health and social welfare, and creation of high-quality jobs in Member States and the Union with particular attention to the areas most affected by demographic decline and regions in ecological*

transition; and

Or. en

Justification

The guiding principle of the program should be to make Member States economies more competitive.

Amendment 190

Isabelle Thomas

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) to contribute to addressing national reform challenges of a structural nature aimed at improving the performance of the national economies and at promoting resilient economic and social structures in the Member States, thereby contributing to cohesion, competitiveness, productivity, ***growth*** and employment; ***and***

Amendment

(a) to contribute to addressing national reform challenges of a structural nature aimed at improving the performance of the national economies and at promoting resilient economic and social structures in the Member States, thereby contributing to ***upward convergence, economic, social and ecological*** cohesion, competitiveness, ***efficiency***, productivity, ***sustainable development, social inclusion, measures to combat inequality and alleviate poverty, the fair and equitable distribution of wealth generated, high-quality*** employment ***in the Union and its Member States and measures to honour the commitments of the Union and its Member States, notably under the Paris Agreement and the UN Sustainable Development Goals.***

Or. fr

Amendment 191

Sven Giegold

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) to contribute to addressing national reform challenges of a structural nature aimed at improving the performance of the national economies and at promoting resilient economic and social structures in the Member States, thereby contributing to cohesion, competitiveness, productivity, ***growth and employment***; and

Amendment

(a) to contribute to addressing national reform challenges of a structural nature ***in line with the sustainable Development Goals and the Paris Climate Agreement*** aimed at improving the performance of the national economies and at promoting resilient economic and social structures in the Member States, thereby contributing to cohesion, competitiveness, productivity, ***sustainable development, job creation, investment and social inclusion and contributing to upward and sustainable convergence in the Union***; and

Or. en

Amendment 192
Liadh Ní Riada

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) to contribute to addressing national reform challenges of a structural nature aimed at improving the performance of the national economies and at promoting resilient economic and social structures in the Member States, thereby contributing to cohesion, ***competitiveness***, productivity, growth and employment; and

Amendment

(a) to contribute to addressing national reform challenges of a structural nature aimed at improving the performance of the national economies and at promoting resilient economic and social structures in the Member States, thereby contributing to cohesion, ***economic cooperation and efficiency***, productivity, growth and employment; and

Or. en

Amendment 193
Eider Gardiazabal Rubial, Costas Mavrides

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) to contribute to strengthening the administrative capacity of the Member States in relation to challenges faced by institutions, governance, public administration, and economic and social sectors.

Amendment

(b) to contribute to strengthening ***the governance***, the administrative capacity of the Member States ***and the involvement of local and regional authorities, civil society and social partners***, in relation to challenges faced by institutions, governance, public administration, and economic and social sectors.

Or. en

Amendment 194
Marco Valli, Laura Agea, Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – paragraph 2 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) as regards the reform delivery tool, the Programme shall provide Member States with financial ***incentives*** with a view to achieving the milestones and targets of the ***structural reforms as set out in the reform commitments entered into by Member States with the Commission.***

Amendment

(a) as regards the reform delivery tool, the Programme shall provide Member States with financial ***support*** with a view to achieving the milestones and targets of the reforms ***identified by the Member State concerned.***

Or. en

Amendment 195
Liadh Ní Riada

Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – paragraph 2 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) as regards the reform delivery tool, the Programme shall provide Member States with financial incentives with a view

Amendment

(a) as regards the reform delivery tool, the Programme shall provide Member States with financial incentives with a view

to achieving the milestones and targets of the structural reforms as ***set out in the reform commitments entered into by Member States with*** the Commission.

to achieving the milestones and targets of the structural reforms as ***proposed to*** the Commission ***by the Member States***.

Or. en

Amendment 196
Nicola Caputo

Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – paragraph 2 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) as regards the reform delivery tool, the Programme shall provide Member ***States*** with financial incentives with a view to achieving the milestones and targets of the structural reforms as set out in the reform commitments entered into by Member States with the Commission.

Amendment

(a) as regards the reform delivery tool, the Programme shall provide Member State ***authorities, including regional and local authorities***, with financial incentives with a view to achieving the milestones and targets of the structural reforms as set out in the reform commitments entered into by Member States with the Commission.

Or. it

Amendment 197
Sven Giegold
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – paragraph 2 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) as regards the reform delivery tool, the Programme ***shall*** provide Member States with financial incentives with a view to achieving the milestones and targets of the structural reforms as set out in the reform commitments entered into by Member States with the Commission.

Amendment

(a) as regards the reform delivery tool, the Programme ***may*** provide Member States, ***following its request***, with financial incentives with a view to achieving the milestones and targets of the ***sustainable*** structural reforms as set out in the reform commitments entered into by Member States with the Commission.

Or. en

Amendment 198

Bernd Lucke

Proposal for a regulation

Article 5 – paragraph 2 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) as regards the reform delivery tool, the Programme shall provide Member States with financial incentives with a view to achieving the milestones and targets of the structural reforms as set out in the reform commitments entered into by Member States with the Commission.

Amendment

(a) as regards the reform delivery ***and technical support*** tool, the Programme shall provide Member States with financial incentives with a view to achieving the milestones and targets of the structural reforms as set out in the reform commitments entered into by Member States with the Commission ***and shall support the efforts of the national authorities in improving their administrative capacity to design, develop and implement reforms, including through exchange of good practices, appropriate processes and methodologies and a more effective and efficient human resources management;***.

Or. en

Amendment 199

Nicola Caputo

Proposal for a regulation

Article 5 – paragraph 2 – point a – point i (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(i) ***regarding the preparation and implementation of structural reform measures, the programme shall support the involvement and consultation of regional and local authorities in line with their powers and responsibilities as part of the constitutional and administrative structure of each Member State;***

Or. it

Amendment 200
Bernd Lucke

Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – paragraph 2 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(b) as regards the technical support instrument, the Programme shall support the efforts of the national authorities in improving their administrative capacity to design, develop and implement reforms, including through exchange of good practices, appropriate processes and methodologies and a more effective and efficient human resources management;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 201
Sven Giegold
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – paragraph 2 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(b) as regards the technical support instrument, the Programme shall support the efforts of the national authorities in improving their administrative capacity to design, develop *and* implement reforms, including through exchange of good practices, appropriate processes and methodologies and a more effective and efficient human resources management;

(b) as regards the technical support instrument, the Programme shall support the efforts of the national authorities in improving their administrative capacity to design, develop, implement *and monitor* reforms *and their consequences* including through exchange of good practices, *stakeholder consultation and other* appropriate processes and methodologies and a more effective and efficient human resources management;

Or. en

Amendment 202
Stanisław Ożóg, Zbigniew Kuźmiuk

Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – paragraph 2 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(c) as regards the convergence facility for euro-area membership preparation the Programme shall:

deleted

(i) provide financial incentives to eligible Member States to help them achieve the milestones and targets of reforms that are relevant for preparation for euro-area participation, as set out in the reform commitments entered into by Member States with the Commission; and

(ii) support the efforts of national authorities of eligible Member States in improving their administrative capacity to design, develop and implement reforms relevant for preparation for euro-area participation, including through exchange of good practices, appropriate processes and methodologies and more effective and efficient human resources management.

Or. en

Amendment 203

Sven Giegold

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Article 5 – paragraph 2 – point c – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(c) as regards the convergence facility for euro-area membership preparation the Programme shall:

(c) as regards the convergence facility for euro-area membership preparation the Programme shall *support eligible Member States in achieving reforms that are relevant for preparation for euro-area participation as set out in the reform commitments entered into by Member States with the Commission, or in*

achieving full national compliance with other provisions of Union law or treaty objectives that are relevant to euro-membership, including effective financial supervision, the strengthening of administrative capacities to fight tax evasion, tax avoidance and money laundering, as well as measures that aim at stabilising the domestic financial sector. It does so through:

Or. en

Amendment 204

Stanisław Ożóg, Zbigniew Kuźmiuk

Proposal for a regulation

Article 5 – paragraph 2 – point c – point i

Text proposed by the Commission

(i) provide financial incentives to eligible Member States to help them achieve the milestones and targets of reforms that are relevant for preparation for euro-area participation, as set out in the reform commitments entered into by Member States with the Commission; and

Amendment

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 205

Sven Giegold

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Article 5 – paragraph 2 – point c – point i

Text proposed by the Commission

(i) provide financial incentives to eligible Member States to help them achieve the milestones and targets of reforms that are relevant for preparation for euro-area participation, as set out in

Amendment

(i) providing financial incentives to eligible Member States to help them achieve the milestones and targets of the above-mentioned reforms and through

the reform commitments entered into by Member States with the Commission; and

Or. en

Amendment 206

Stanisław Ożóg, Zbigniew Kuźmiuk

Proposal for a regulation

Article 5 – paragraph 2 – point c – point ii

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ii) *support the efforts of national authorities of eligible Member States in improving their administrative capacity to design, develop and implement reforms relevant for preparation for euro-area participation, including through exchange of good practices, appropriate processes and methodologies and more effective and efficient human resources management.*

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 207

Sven Giegold

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Article 5 – paragraph 2 – point c – point ii

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ii) *support* the efforts of national authorities of eligible Member States in improving their administrative capacity to design, develop *and* implement reforms relevant for preparation for euro-area participation, including through exchange of good practices, appropriate processes and methodologies and *more effective and efficient human resources* management.

(ii) *supporting* the efforts of national authorities of eligible Member States in improving their administrative capacity to design, develop, implement *and monitor the* reforms relevant for preparation for euro-area participation, including through exchange of good practices, *stakeholder consultation and other* appropriate processes and methodologies and *better personnel* management.

Amendment 208**Eider Gardiazabal Rubial, Costas Mavrides****Proposal for a regulation****Article 6 – paragraph 1 – introductory part***Text proposed by the Commission*

The general and the specific objectives set out in Articles 4 and 5 shall refer *to policy* areas related to cohesion, competitiveness, productivity, research and innovation, smart, sustainable, and inclusive growth, jobs and investment, and in particular to one or more of the following:

Amendment

The general and the specific objectives set out in Articles 4 and 5 shall refer *to policy* areas related to *upward convergence*, cohesion, competitiveness, *efficiency*, productivity, *sustainable development*, research and innovation, smart, sustainable, and inclusive growth, *inequality reduction*, *social inclusion*, *resilience of economic and social structures*, *creation of high-quality* jobs and investment, and in particular to one or more of the following, *a special attention shall be paid to the areas most affected by demographic decline and regions in ecological transition*:

Amendment 209**Sven Giegold**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation**Article 6 – paragraph 1 – introductory part***Text proposed by the Commission*

The general and the specific objectives set out in Articles 4 and 5 shall refer to policy areas related to cohesion, competitiveness, productivity, research and innovation, *smart, sustainable, and inclusive growth*, jobs and investment, and in particular to one or more of the following:

Amendment

The general and the specific objectives set out in Articles 4 and 5 shall refer to policy areas related to *social and regional* cohesion, competitiveness, productivity, *sustainable development*, research and innovation, *high quality* jobs and investment, *social inclusion*, *environmental protection and climate*

change mitigation and in particular to one or more of the following:

Or. en

Amendment 210

Xabier Benito Ziluaga, Liadh Ní Riada

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – paragraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

The general and the specific objectives set out in Articles 4 and 5 shall refer to policy areas related to cohesion, *competitiveness*, productivity, research and innovation, smart, sustainable, and inclusive growth, jobs and investment, and in particular to one or more of the following:

Amendment

The general and the specific objectives set out in Articles 4 and 5 shall refer to policy areas related to cohesion, *economic cooperation and efficiency*, productivity, research and innovation, smart, sustainable, and inclusive growth, jobs and investment, and in particular to one or more of the following:

Or. en

Amendment 211

Isabelle Thomas

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – paragraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

The general and the specific objectives set out in Articles 4 and 5 shall refer to policy areas related to cohesion, competitiveness, productivity, research and innovation, smart, sustainable, and inclusive growth, jobs and investment, and in particular to one or more of the following:

Amendment

The general and the specific objectives set out in Articles 4 and 5 shall refer to policy areas related to *economic, ecological and social* cohesion, *upward convergence*, competitiveness, *economic resilience*, productivity, *sustainable development*, research and innovation, smart, sustainable, and inclusive growth, *gender equality*, *high-quality* jobs and investment, and in particular to one or more of the following:

Or. fr

Amendment 212

Marco Valli, Laura Agea, Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – paragraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

The general and the specific objectives set out in Articles 4 and 5 shall refer to policy areas related to cohesion, competitiveness, productivity, research and innovation, smart, sustainable, and inclusive growth, jobs and investment, and in particular to one or more of the following:

Amendment

The general and the specific objectives set out in Articles 4 and 5 shall refer to policy areas related to cohesion, ***economic and social inclusion***, competitiveness, productivity, research and innovation, smart, sustainable, and inclusive growth, ***high-quality*** jobs and investment, and in particular to one or more of the following:

Or. en

Amendment 213

Liadh Ní Riada

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) public financial and asset management, ***budget process, debt management and revenue administration*** and policies aimed at combating tax evasion;

Amendment

(a) public financial and asset management, and policies aimed at combating tax evasion;

Or. en

Amendment 214

Alain Lamassoure, Ivana Maletić

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) public financial and asset management, budget process, debt management and revenue administration and policies aimed at combating tax evasion;

Amendment

(a) public financial and asset management, budget process, debt management and revenue administration and policies aimed at combating tax ***avoidance, tax fraud and tax*** evasion ***including the promotion of the implementation and on-going adaptation of European Public Sector Accounting Standards as common European standard in the Member States and regions;***

Or. en

Amendment 215
Ingeborg Gräßle

Proposal for a regulation
Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) public financial and asset management, budget process, debt management and revenue administration and policies aimed at combating tax evasion;

Amendment

(a) public financial and asset management, ***including the promotion of the implementation and on-going adaptation of European Public Sector Accounting Standards as common European standard in the Member States and regions,*** budget process, debt management and revenue administration and policies aimed at combating tax evasion;

Or. en

Amendment 216
Marco Valli, Laura Agea, Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Proposal for a regulation
Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) public financial and asset management, budget process, debt management and revenue administration and policies aimed at combating tax evasion;

Amendment

(a) public financial and asset management, budget process, debt management and revenue administration and policies aimed at combating tax ***avoidance, tax evasion, tax fraud and other financial crimes***;

Or. en

Amendment 217

Sven Giegold

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) public financial and asset management, budget process, debt management and revenue administration and policies aimed at combating tax evasion;

Amendment

(a) public financial and asset management, budget process, debt management and revenue administration and policies aimed at combating tax evasion, ***tax fraud and tax avoidance***;

Or. en

Amendment 218

Sven Giegold

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) institutional reform and efficient and service-oriented functioning of public ***administration*** and e-government, including, where appropriate, through the simplification of rules, effective rule of law, reform of the justice systems and reinforcement of the fight against fraud,

Amendment

(b) institutional reform and efficient and service-oriented functioning of ***centralised and decentralised*** public ***administrations*** and e-government, including, where appropriate, through the simplification of rules, effective rule of law, reform of the justice systems and

corruption and money laundering;

reinforcement of the fight against fraud,
corruption and money laundering;

Or. en

Amendment 219

Alain Lamassoure, Ivana Maletić

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) institutional reform and efficient and service-oriented functioning of public administration and e-government, including, where appropriate, through the simplification of rules, effective rule of law, reform of the justice systems and reinforcement of the fight against fraud, corruption and money laundering;

Amendment

(b) institutional reform and efficient and service-oriented functioning of public administration and e-government, including, where appropriate, through the simplification of rules, effective rule of law, reform of the justice **and legal** systems and reinforcement of the fight against fraud, corruption and money laundering;

Or. en

Amendment 220

Liadh Ní Riada, Xabier Benito Ziluaga

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

(c) business environment, **including** for small and medium-sized enterprises, re-industrialisation, **private sector** development, **product and service markets**, investment, public participation in enterprises, privatisation processes, trade **and foreign direct investment, competition and** public procurement, sustainable sectoral development and support for research and innovation and digitisation;

Amendment

(c) **fairer** business environment for small and medium-sized enterprises, re-industrialisation, **sustainable** development, **public** investment, public participation in enterprises, **nationalization and** privatisation processes, **fair** trade, public procurement, sustainable sectoral development and support for research and innovation and digitisation;

Or. en

Amendment 221

Sven Giegold

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

(c) business environment, including for small and medium-sized enterprises, re-industrialisation, private sector development, product and service markets, investment, public participation in enterprises, **privatisation processes**, trade and **foreign direct** investment, competition and public procurement, sustainable sectoral development and support for research and innovation and digitisation;

Amendment

(c) business environment, including for small and medium-sized enterprises, re-industrialisation, private sector development, product and service markets, investment, public participation in enterprises, trade and investment, competition and public procurement, sustainable sectoral development and support for research and innovation and digitisation;

Or. en

Amendment 222

Marco Valli, Laura Agea, Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

(c) business environment, including for small and medium-sized enterprises, re-industrialisation, private sector development, product and service markets, investment, public participation in enterprises, **privatisation processes**, trade and foreign direct investment, competition and public procurement, sustainable sectoral development and support for research and innovation and digitisation;

Amendment

(c) business environment, including for small and medium-sized enterprises **and start-ups**, re-industrialisation, private sector development, product and service markets, investment, public participation in enterprises, trade and foreign direct investment, competition and public procurement, sustainable sectoral development and support for research and innovation and digitisation;

Or. en

Amendment 223
Xabier Benito Ziluaga, Liadh Ní Riada

Proposal for a regulation
Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point d

Text proposed by the Commission

(d) education and training, labour market policies, including social dialogue, for the creation of jobs, digital skills, the fight against poverty, the promotion of social inclusion, social security and social welfare systems, public health and healthcare systems, as well as cohesion, asylum, **migration and border policies**;

Amendment

(d) education and training, **democratic** labour market policies **for protecting workers and quality of work and employment conditions**, including social dialogue, for the creation of jobs, digital skills, the fight against poverty, the promotion of social inclusion, social security and social welfare systems, public health and healthcare systems, as well as cohesion, asylum **reception and integration**;

Or. en

Amendment 224
Marco Valli, Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Proposal for a regulation
Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point d

Text proposed by the Commission

(d) education and training, labour market policies, including social dialogue, for the creation of jobs, digital skills, the fight against poverty, the promotion of social inclusion, social security and social welfare systems, public health and healthcare systems, as well as cohesion, asylum, migration and border policies;

Amendment

(d) education and training, labour market policies, including social dialogue, for the creation of **high quality** jobs, digital skills, the fight against poverty **and economic and social inequalities**, the promotion of **economic and** social inclusion, social security and social welfare systems, public health and healthcare systems, as well as **economic, social and territorial** cohesion, asylum, migration and border policies;

Or. en

Amendment 225
Isabelle Thomas

Proposal for a regulation
Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point d

Text proposed by the Commission

(d) education and training, labour market policies, including social dialogue, for the creation of jobs, digital skills, the fight against poverty, the promotion of social inclusion, social security and social welfare systems, public health and healthcare systems, as well as cohesion, asylum, migration and border policies;

Amendment

(d) education and training, labour market policies, including social dialogue, for the creation of **high-quality** jobs, digital skills, the fight against poverty **and all forms of discrimination**, the promotion of social inclusion, social security and social welfare systems, public health and healthcare systems, as well as cohesion, asylum, migration and border policies;

Or. fr

Amendment 226
Markus Ferber

Proposal for a regulation
Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point d

Text proposed by the Commission

(d) education and training, labour market policies, including social dialogue, for the creation of jobs, digital skills, the fight against poverty, the promotion of social inclusion, social security and social welfare systems, public health and healthcare systems, as well as cohesion, asylum, migration and border policies;

Amendment

(d) education and **training including vocational** training, labour market policies, including social dialogue, for the creation of jobs, digital skills, the fight against poverty, the promotion of social inclusion, social security and social welfare systems, public health and healthcare systems, as well as cohesion, asylum, migration and border policies;

Or. en

Justification

Systems that rely on vocational education have proven to be very effective in teaching skills that are relevant to the labour market thereby contributing to lower unemployment and more competitive economies.

Amendment 227

Alain Lamassoure, Ivana Maletić

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point d

Text proposed by the Commission

(d) education and training, labour market policies, including social dialogue, for the creation of jobs, digital skills, the fight against poverty, the promotion of social inclusion, social security and social welfare systems, public health and healthcare systems, as well as cohesion, asylum, migration and border policies;

Amendment

(d) education and training, labour market policies, including social dialogue, for the creation of jobs, digital skills, the fight against poverty, the promotion of social inclusion, social security and social welfare systems, public health and healthcare systems, **judicial and legal systems**, as well as cohesion, asylum, migration and border policies;

Or. en

Amendment 228

Sven Giegold

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point d

Text proposed by the Commission

(d) education and training, labour market policies, including social dialogue, for the creation of jobs, digital skills, the fight against poverty, the promotion of social inclusion, social security and social welfare systems, public health and healthcare systems, as well as cohesion, asylum, migration and border policies;

Amendment

(d) education and training, labour market policies, including social dialogue, for the creation of **high-quality** jobs, digital skills, the fight against poverty, the promotion of social inclusion, social security and social welfare systems, public health and healthcare systems, as well as **social** cohesion, asylum, migration and border policies;

Or. en

Amendment 229

Liadh Ní Riada, Xabier Benito Ziluaga

Proposal for a regulation
Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point e

Text proposed by the Commission

(e) policies for implementing climate action, mobility, promoting energy and resource efficiency, renewable energy sources, **achieving energy diversification and ensuring energy security**, and for the agricultural sector, fisheries and the sustainable development of rural areas; and

Amendment

(e) policies for implementing climate action, mobility, promoting energy and resource efficiency, renewable energy sources, **transition away from hydro-carbons**, and for the agricultural sector, fisheries and the sustainable development of rural areas; and

Or. en

Amendment 230
Sven Giegold
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation
Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point e

Text proposed by the Commission

(e) policies for **implementing** climate **action**, mobility, promoting energy and resource efficiency, renewable energy sources, achieving energy diversification and ensuring energy security, and for the agricultural sector, fisheries and the sustainable development of rural areas; and

Amendment

(e) policies for **the mitigation of** climate **change, sustainable** mobility, promoting energy and resource efficiency, renewable energy sources, achieving energy diversification and ensuring energy security, and for the agricultural sector, fisheries and the sustainable development of rural areas; and

Or. en

Amendment 231
Sven Giegold
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation
Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point f

Text proposed by the Commission

(f) financial sector policies, including:

Amendment

(f) financial sector policies, including

the promotion of financial literacy, financial stability, access to finance and lending to the real economy; and production, provision and quality monitoring and reporting of data and statistics.

consumer and investor protection, financial stability, access to finance and lending to the real economy; and production, provision and quality monitoring and reporting of data and statistics.

Or. en

Amendment 232
Liadh Ní Riada

Proposal for a regulation
Article 7 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1. The financial envelope for the implementation of the Programme for the period 2021-2027 shall be EUR 25 000 000 000 in current prices.

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 233
Liadh Ní Riada

Proposal for a regulation
Article 7 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2. The indicative distribution of the amount referred to in paragraph 1 shall be:

deleted

(a) up to EUR 22 000 000 000 for the reform delivery tool;

(b) up to EUR 840 000 000 for the technical support instrument;

(c) up to EUR 2 160 000 000 for the convergence facility, of which:

(i) up to EUR 2 000 000 000 for the financial support component; and

(ii) up to EUR 160 000 000 for the technical support component.

Where, by the 31 December 2023, under the convergence facility, a non-euro-area Member State has not taken demonstrable steps to adopt the single currency within a given time-frame, the maximum amount available for that Member State under the financial support component of the convergence facility pursuant to Article 26 shall be reallocated to the reform delivery tool referred to in point (a) of the first subparagraph of this paragraph. The Commission shall adopt a decision to that effect after having given the Member State concerned the possibility to present its observations within a period of two months of the communication of its conclusions.

Or. en

Amendment 234

Liadh Ní Riada

Proposal for a regulation

Article 7 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

The indicative distribution of the amount referred to in paragraph 1 shall be:

deleted

(a) up to EUR 22 000 000 000 for the reform delivery tool;

(b) up to EUR 840 000 000 for the technical support instrument;

(c) up to EUR 2 160 000 000 for the convergence facility, of which:

(i) up to EUR 2 000 000 000 for the financial support component; and

(ii) up to EUR 160 000 000 for the technical support component.

Or. en

Amendment 235

Bernd Lucke

Proposal for a regulation

Article 7 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) up to EUR **22 000 000 000** for the reform delivery tool;

Amendment

(a) up to EUR **22 840 000 000** for the reform delivery **and technical support** tool;

Or. en

Amendment 236

Alain Lamassoure, Ivana Maletić

Proposal for a regulation

Article 7 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) up to EUR **22 000 000 000** for the reform delivery tool;

Amendment

(a) up to EUR **20 680 000 000** for the reform delivery tool;

Or. en

Amendment 237

Eider Gardiazabal Rubial, Costas Mavrides

Proposal for a regulation

Article 7 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) up to EUR **22 000 000 000** for the reform delivery tool;

Amendment

(a) up to EUR **20 000 000 000** for the reform delivery tool;

Or. en

Amendment 238
Stefan Gehrold

Proposal for a regulation
Article 7 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(a) up to EUR **22 000 000 000** for the reform delivery tool;

(a) up to EUR **20 000 000 000** for the reform delivery tool;

Or. en

Amendment 239
Sven Giegold
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation
Article 7 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(a) up to EUR **22 000 000 000** for the reform delivery tool;

(a) up to EUR **16 000 000 000** for the reform delivery tool;

Or. en

Amendment 240
Bernd Lucke

Proposal for a regulation
Article 7 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(b) *up to EUR 840 000 000 for the technical support instrument;*

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 241
Eider Gardiazabal Rubial, Costas Mavrides

Proposal for a regulation
Article 7 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) up to EUR **840 000 000** for the technical support instrument;

Amendment

(b) up to EUR **2 840 000 000** for the technical support instrument;

Or. en

Amendment 242
Stefan Gehrold

Proposal for a regulation
Article 7 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) up to EUR **840 000 000** for the technical support instrument;

Amendment

(b) up to EUR **2 840 000 000** for the technical support instrument;

Or. en

Amendment 243
Sven Giegold
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation
Article 7 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) up to EUR **840 000 000** for the technical support instrument;

Amendment

(b) up to EUR **600 000 000** for the technical support instrument;

Or. en

Amendment 244
Stanisław Ożóg, Zbigniew Kuźmiuk

Proposal for a regulation
Article 7 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

- (c) *up to EUR 2 160 000 000 for the convergence facility, of which:*
- (i) *up to EUR 2 000 000 000 for the financial support component; and*
- (ii) *up to EUR 160 000 000 for the technical support component.*
- deleted*

Or. en

Amendment 245

Sven Giegold

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Article 7 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1 – point c – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(c) up to EUR 2 160 000 000 for the convergence facility, of which:

(c) up to EUR 8 400 000 000 for the convergence facility, of which:

Or. en

Amendment 246

Alain Lamassoure, Ivana Maletić

Proposal for a regulation

Article 7 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1 – point c – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(c) up to EUR 2 160 000 000 for the convergence facility, of which:

(c) up to EUR 4 320 000 000 for the convergence facility, of which:

Or. en

Amendment 247

Bernd Lucke

Proposal for a regulation

Article 7 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1 – point c – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(c) up to EUR 2 160 000 000 for the convergence facility, *of which:*

(c) up to EUR 2 160 000 000 for the convergence facility

Or. en

Amendment 248

Bernd Lucke

Proposal for a regulation

Article 7 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1 – point c – point i

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(i) *up to EUR 2 000 000 000 for the financial support component; and*

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 249

Sven Giegold

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Article 7 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1 – point c – point i

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(i) up to EUR 2 000 000 000 for the financial support component; and

(i) up to EUR 8 000 000 000 for the financial support component; and

Or. en

Amendment 250

Alain Lamassoure, Ivana Maletić

Proposal for a regulation

Article 7 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1 – point c – point i

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(i) up to EUR **2 000 000 000** for the financial support component; and

(i) up to EUR **4 000 000 000** for the financial support component; and

Or. en

Amendment 251

Stefan Gehrold

Proposal for a regulation

Article 7 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1 – point c – point i

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(i) up to EUR **2 000 000 000** for the financial support component; and

(i) up to EUR **1 500 000 000** for the financial support component; and

Or. en

Amendment 252

Bernd Lucke

Proposal for a regulation

Article 7 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1 – point c – point ii

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ii) *up to EUR 160 000 000 for the technical support component.*

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 253

Alain Lamassoure, Ivana Maletić

Proposal for a regulation

Article 7 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1 – point c – point ii

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ii) up to EUR **160 000 000** for the

(ii) up to EUR **320 000 000** for the

technical support component.

technical support component.

Or. en

Amendment 254

Sven Giegold

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Article 7 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1 – point c – point ii

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ii) up to EUR **160 000 000** for the technical support component.

(ii) up to EUR **400 000 000** for the technical support component.

Or. en

Amendment 255

Stefan Gehroid

Proposal for a regulation

Article 7 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1 – point c – point ii

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ii) up to EUR **160 000 000** for the technical support component.

(ii) up to EUR **660 000 000** for the technical support component.

Or. en

Amendment 256

Stanisław Ożóg, Zbigniew Kuźmiuk

Proposal for a regulation

Article 7 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Where, by the 31 December 2023, under the convergence facility, a non-euro-area Member State has not taken demonstrable steps to adopt the single currency within a

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given time-frame, the maximum amount available for that Member State under the financial support component of the convergence facility pursuant to Article 26 shall be reallocated to the reform delivery tool referred to in point (a) of the first subparagraph of this paragraph. The Commission shall adopt a decision to that effect after having given the Member State concerned the possibility to present its observations within a period of two months of the communication of its conclusions.

Or. en

Amendment 257

Sven Giegold

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Article 7 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Where, by the 31 December 2023, under the convergence facility, a non-euro-area Member State has not taken demonstrable steps to adopt the single currency within a given time-frame, the maximum amount available for that Member State under the financial support component of the convergence facility pursuant to Article 26 shall be reallocated to the reform delivery tool referred to in point (a) of the first subparagraph of this paragraph. The Commission shall adopt a decision to that effect after having given the Member State concerned the possibility to present its observations within a period of two months of the communication of its conclusions.

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 258

Bernd Lucke

Proposal for a regulation

Article 7 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Where, by the 31 December 2023, under the convergence facility, a non-euro-area Member State has not taken demonstrable steps to adopt the single currency within a given time-frame, the maximum amount available for that Member State under the ***financial support component of the*** convergence facility pursuant to Article 26 shall be reallocated to the reform delivery tool referred to in point (a) of the first subparagraph of this paragraph. The Commission shall adopt a decision to that effect after having given the Member State concerned the possibility to present its observations within a period of two months of the communication of its conclusions.

Amendment

Where, by the 31 December 2023, under the convergence facility, a non-euro-area Member State has not taken demonstrable steps to adopt the single currency within a given time-frame, the maximum amount available for that Member State under the convergence facility pursuant to Article 26 shall be reallocated to the reform delivery ***and technical support*** tool referred to in point (a) of the first subparagraph of this paragraph. The Commission shall adopt a decision to that effect after having given the Member State concerned the possibility to present its observations within a period of two months of the communication of its conclusions.

Or. en

Amendment 259

Sven Giegold

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Article 7 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. The financial envelope for the ***Programme*** may also cover expenses pertaining to preparatory, monitoring, control, audit and evaluation activities, which are required for the management of the Programme and the achievement of its objectives, in particular studies, meetings ***of*** experts, information and communication actions, including corporate communication of the political priorities of the Union, in so far as they are related to

Amendment

3. The financial envelope for the ***technical support instrument and the convergence facility*** may also cover expenses pertaining to preparatory, monitoring, control, audit and evaluation activities, which are required for the management of the Programme and the achievement of its objectives, in particular studies, meetings ***with stakeholders and*** experts, information and communication actions, including corporate

the objectives of this Regulation, expenses linked to IT networks focusing on information processing and exchange, including corporate information technology tools, and all other technical and administrative assistance expenses incurred by the Commission for the management of the Programme. Expenses may also cover, under each of the three instruments referred to in Article 3, the costs of other supporting activities such as quality control and monitoring of technical support projects on the ground and the costs of peer counselling and experts for the assessment and implementation of structural reforms.

communication of the political priorities of the Union, in so far as they are related to the objectives of this Regulation, expenses linked to IT networks focusing on information processing and exchange, including corporate information technology tools, and all other technical and administrative assistance expenses incurred by the Commission for the management of the Programme. Expenses may also cover, under each of the three instruments referred to in Article 3, the costs of other supporting activities such as quality control and monitoring of technical support projects on the ground and the costs of peer counselling and experts for the assessment and implementation of structural reforms.

Or. en

Amendment 260

Bernd Lucke

Proposal for a regulation

Article 7 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. The financial envelope for the Programme may also cover expenses pertaining to preparatory, monitoring, control, audit and evaluation activities, which are required for the management of the Programme and the achievement of its objectives, in particular studies, meetings of experts, information and communication actions, including corporate communication of the political priorities of the Union, in so far as they are related to the objectives of this Regulation, expenses linked to IT networks focusing on information processing and exchange, including corporate information technology tools, and all other technical and administrative assistance expenses incurred by the Commission for the management of the Programme. Expenses may also cover,

Amendment

3. The financial envelope for the Programme may also cover expenses pertaining to preparatory, monitoring, control, audit and evaluation activities, which are required for the management of the Programme and the achievement of its objectives, in particular studies, meetings of experts, information and communication actions, including corporate communication of the political priorities of the Union, in so far as they are related to the objectives of this Regulation, expenses linked to IT networks focusing on information processing and exchange, including corporate information technology tools, and all other technical and administrative assistance expenses incurred by the Commission for the management of the Programme. Expenses may also cover,

under each of the *three* instruments referred to in Article 3, the costs of other supporting activities such as quality control and monitoring of technical support projects on the ground and the costs of peer counselling and experts for the assessment and implementation of structural reforms.

under each of the *two* instruments referred to in Article 3, the costs of other supporting activities such as quality control and monitoring of technical support projects on the ground and the costs of peer counselling and experts for the assessment and implementation of structural reforms.

Or. en

Amendment 261

Sven Giegold

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Article 7 – paragraph 3 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

3a. Double-financing shall be avoided

Or. en

Amendment 262

Sven Giegold

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Article 7 – paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

4. Resources allocated to Member States under shared management may, at their request, be transferred to the Programme. The Commission shall implement those resources directly in accordance with point (a) of Article 62(1) of the Financial Regulation or indirectly in accordance with point (c) of that Article. Where possible those resources shall be used for the benefit of the Member State concerned.

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 263
Ivana Maletić, Alain Lamassoure

Proposal for a regulation
Article 7 – paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission

4. Resources allocated to Member States under shared management may, at their request, be transferred to the Programme. The Commission shall implement those resources directly in accordance with point (a) of Article 62(1) of the Financial Regulation or indirectly in accordance with point (c) of that Article. Where possible those resources shall be used for the benefit of the Member State concerned.

Amendment

4. Resources allocated to Member States under shared management may, at their request, be transferred to the Programme ***only if all funds available under the Programme for the Member State are absorbed***. The Commission shall implement those resources directly in accordance with point (a) of Article 62(1) of the Financial Regulation or indirectly in accordance with point (c) of that Article. Where possible those resources shall be used for the benefit of the Member State concerned.

Or. en